



## INTERNATIONAL

Ugandan diplomats ordered to leave

Kenya closes  
Libyan embassy

NAIROBI, Dec 18, (Reuters): Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi accused Uganda today of preparing for war and his foreign minister ordered Uganda's top two diplomats to leave the country and closed the Libyan embassy.

Ugandan and Kenyan forces traded shots across the border for three days this week and the Nairobi press has alleged that Libya was helping Uganda in the conflict.

Foreign Minister Zachary Onyonka said Libya had grossly interfered in Kenya's internal affairs and Ugandan High Commissioner Charles Katungi had insulted President Daniel Arap Moi by accusing him of lying in a statement about the fighting.

Katungi and his deputy, Samson Bigombe, were given 24 hours to leave Kenya and the Libyan embassy, already depleted by the expulsion of six diplomats this year, must close immediately, Onyonka said.

## Action

A Western diplomat said the action against Libya amounted "to all intents and purposes to a break in relations."

In a speech today President Moi accused Uganda of preparing for war by digging trenches along the border.

"We have restrained ourselves up to now, but for how long are we going to restrain ourselves. Around Malaba and Busia (two border posts) they have dug trenches... when you dig trenches you are preparing for war," he added.

Moi did not refer to the expulsion in his speech in Njoro, central Kenya, but denied Kenya was harbouring Ugandan rebels, in Uganda's view a main cause of friction.

The Kenyan-Ugandan border has been closed to vehicles since Kenyan police and the Ugandan government's National Resistance Army (NRA) began shooting at each other on Monday at Busia, a town of 40,000 people which straddles the border.

People living near the border said the situation had been quiet but tense since the shooting stopped on Wednesday.

Each side has said the other provoked the conflict, in which at least two NRA soldiers have died and three Kenyan policemen and several Kenyan civilians wounded.

Friday's expulsion orders were made in separate notes from Onyonka to Libyan Charge d'Affaires Ali Shaaban and Katungi.

## Incredible

The statement to Shaaban said, "since the embassy has not been performing the duties of enhancing relations between the two countries, the government of Kenya has decided that the embassy of Libya should immediately be closed."

The note to Katungi said the high commissioner had issued a press release on Wednesday including what it called an incredible insult on President Moi.

Death toll in ten days of unrest rises to 17

## Israelis kill 3 in renewed Gaza protests

TEL AVIV, Dec 18, (Agencies): Israeli troops shot dead three more Palestinian demonstrators today as widespread rioting again swept the occupied Gaza Strip, dashing government hopes that the unrest had subsided.

An Army spokeswoman said two protesters were shot dead in clashes with troops in Gaza's Shajia district and another was killed by Army gunfire in the Bureij refugee camp in the centre of the strip.

At least six people were wounded, she said.

The killings brought the death toll in 10 days of unrest in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to at least 17.

## Slogans

"The clashes began when the people came out of the mosques from Friday prayers, carrying Palestinian flags and chanting slogans, and confronted soldiers," an eyewitness said.

The Palestine Press Service, said the worst fighting broke out in Shajia after soldiers fired tear gas into a mosque.

Israeli leaders have responded defiantly to world condemnation of the use of live ammunition against demonstrators armed with stones, metal debris and sometimes petrol bombs.

The Army says about 70 Palestinians have been wounded by gunfire in the latest wave of violence and more than 200 rioters are under arrest.

Palestinian organisations have claimed a higher death toll and Gaza lawyers say between 350 and 400 demonstrators have been arrested in the Gaza Strip alone since the unrest began.

One witness said demonstrators today attacked the Israeli military headquarters in Gaza city and fought a pitched battle with troops at the city's main hospital.

"I saw a crowd of marchers from the beach refugee camp throw stones and Molotov cocktails at the military headquarters and the soldiers fired tear gas," Gaza lawyer Raji Sourani said.

"The people have barricaded the entrances to Shifa Hospital. There are very large number of troops in the streets and military spotter planes are circling overhead," he said.

There were also clashes in Jerusalem, where border police fired tear gas at Palestinians who pelted them with stones in a demonstration after Friday prayers at the Al-Aqsa mosque, Islam's third holiest site, on the Biblical Temple Mount.

Security forces set up roadblocks to stop residents of the occupied West Bank from entering Jerusalem for prayers.

Hundreds of police in riot gear massed in the old city to prevent demonstrators from marching on an apartment in the Muslim quarter occupied this week by Israel's controversial right-wing Trade Minister Ariel Sharon.

A petrol bomb was thrown overnight at the British consulate in Arab East Jerusalem following a similar attack on the US consulate there last Sunday.

Palestinian sources in the Gaza Strip also reported clashes between troops and demonstrators leaving mosques in the Bureij and Jabalya refugee camps and in Rafah, on the Egyptian border.

"The people were carrying Palestinian flags and chanting 'Allah-u-Akbar' (God is Great)," a witness said.

The Army declared the area around Shifa Hospital a closed military area and ordered out journalists.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry has set up a crisis team to counter international criticism and adverse publicity surrounding Israel's policy in the occupied territories.

The team decided to send a message of explanation to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and set up special units in Israeli embassies overseas to deal with the international outcry.

Egypt again condemned Israel's use of force today and said Israeli actions could destroy Middle East peace efforts.

The United States, has joined the world condemnation of the deaths and injuries in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Amnesty International yesterday "urgently" called on Israel to investigate the killings of Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

## Omani gifts

## stolen from UN

UNITED NATIONS, Dec 18 (AP): Thieves made off with priceless gold and silver treasures from a lounge that Oman furnished at UN headquarters, officials said.

More than 24 hours passed before UN officials had fingerprints lifted from the pedestals where a pair of perfume bottles encased in solid gold and an antique silver urn had been displayed along with other treasures from the Middle East.

## Theft

Omani officials would not comment publicly on the theft disclosed yesterday. But they were said to be saddened and distressed at the loss of the gifts that their oil-rich sultanate gave the United Nations last year.

UN Security officials said the theft is under investigation.

## Successor offers economic reform

Czech leader  
Husak quits

VIENNA, Dec 18, (Reuters): Veteran Czechoslovak leader Gustav Husak stepped down as Communist Party chief yesterday and his successor Milos Jakes promptly pledged economic reform and more democracy similar to that in the Soviet Union.

Husak's retirement was announced at a meeting of the party's central committee yesterday. He was first of a group of ageing proteges of late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev to leave the East European stage.

Western diplomats pondered whether his decline would trigger a domino effect on other East Bloc leaders of the same generation, especially Hungary's Janos Kadar, 75, and East Germany's Erich Honecker, 75.

## Control

The diplomats said it was the first time a Communist Party leader had relinquished control while retaining a senior position in the party and state.

Husak, 74, will keep his largely ceremonial role as Czechoslovak President and retain his seat on the 11-man ruling party Presidium, the top policy-making body.

He was replaced by Milos Jakes, 65, the central committee secretary. Jakes supervised the purge of the party following the 1968 Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia which crushed the "Prague Spring" liberalisation era of Alexander Dubcek.

Western diplomats said that in recent months, Jakes had been cautiously moving towards a type of economic reform along the lines of Soviet party leader



Husak Mikhail Gorbachev, which Husak had appeared reluctant to follow.

One diplomat in Warsaw said he believed the Soviet Union had been pressing for the older East European leaders to leave the scene since Gorbachev came to power.

"It's been clear from the beginning that Gorbachev regards them as belonging to a quite different political era and as people with whom he is not quite comfortable," the diplomat said.

"My conclusion is that the new Soviet leadership decided how to manage all this some time ago and the process of change has been set in hand."

A diplomat in Sofia said it was quite justified to speculate about a domino effect, adding: "It had to start somewhere. How far it will go, we don't know."

## Forced

In January 1968, Czechoslovak party leader Antonin Novotny was forced to quit after two stormy central committee meetings and was succeeded by Dubcek.

He retained the presidency for just under two months but was forced to retire, the first communist statesman brought down by popular pressure.

In his first speech as party leader, Jakes told the committee, discussing new moves to boost Czechoslovakia's flagging economy: "Just as Soviet communists, we too must observe the principle that more democracy means more socialism."

But he warned that economic reforms did not mean more leeway for dissidents, saying: "Everything that is alien to socialism must be criticised."

Yourcenar  
dies after  
stroke

BAR HARBOR, Maine, Dec 18, (Reuters): Historical novelist Marguerite Yourcenar, the first woman elected to France's leading literary academy the Academie Française, died in a US hospital last night of complications following a massive stroke, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Yourcenar, who was 84, died late last night according to E.J. Murley, night supervisor at Mount Desert Island Hospital in Maine, where the novelist has been hospitalised since her stroke six weeks ago.

"She died in her sleep, very peacefully," Murley said. Yourcenar had lived in America for the past 40 years and had taken out US nationality. She was a long-time resident of North East Harbor, a small summer resort community of about 1,000 residents on Mount Desert Island on the coast of Maine.

"She was well known in the community. People liked having a celebrity around," Murley said. A classicist whose best-known work was the novel "Memoirs of Hadrian" (the fictionalised memoirs of the Roman emperor Hadrian) published in 1951.

In 1980 she was elected to the 40-member Academie Française. She had always regarded the academy with contempt and when the 452-year-old institution reversed tradition and opened its doors to a woman, she said she was only accepting out of politeness.

Tanker  
carrying  
Kuwaiti  
oil hit

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which caused injuries or casualties, took to eight the number of Iranian attacks on shipping since Friday.

The Maltese-flagged Free Enterprise took no casualties in the Iraqi attack.

Lloyds first reported that Iraqi warplanes had fired missiles at the Enterprise. A spokesman for its operators in London, World Carrier Management, denied it had come under attack and said it only ran aground. But other shipping officials said they believed it had been fired at and also was hit.

## Engaged

A spokesman for the Iranian armed forces said yesterday the United States had engaged in "electronic warfare" - jamming Iraqi warplanes during attacks on tankers in Iranian service on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

"This move by America is tantamount to that country's participation in the Iraqi war with Iran and as such it amounts to support for the Iraqi regime," the spokesman said.

Lloyds confirmed yesterday that Iraqi warplanes attacked the 289,776-ton Iranian supertanker Taftan in the northern Gulf on Wednesday morning.

## Terrorising

On Thursday, Iranian speedboats darting from Abu Musa twice attacked a sulphur-laden Maldives freighter, setting it ablaze in the first raid and terrorising the crew several hours later.

The Iranians also shot at a salvage tugboat and a media helicopter in the second raid.

A projectile fired by the Iranians in the first attack before dawn yesterday punched a hole in the hull of the 16,322-ton Island Transporter and started a fire, witnesses said.

Violence  
erupts after  
Roh victory

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and foreign media for not denouncing the election's fraud. A similar occupation last June was a focal point of massive anti-government protests that forced the direct election.

## Unable

Sporadic protests erupted for a second day in major cities across the country, but a wounded and divided opposition seemed unable to mount a concerted national effort to force nullification of Wednesday's balloting, which Roh won by nearly two million votes.

Opposition candidates Kim Dae Jung and Kim Young-Sam failed to appear at a meeting with dissident leaders to discuss future strategy and there were calls from some opposition supporters for the Kims to retire from politics.

## Charges

With final results tabulated, Roh won with 8.2 million votes. The combined total of the opposition vote was 12.4 million, leading to charges from opposition supporters that failure of the Kims to field a single candidate doomed chances of victory.

Thousands  
rejoice as  
Benazir ...

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She had insisted that the groom's family should provide her with only two dresses, instead of up to 51 as is common in Pakistan. She had cut down on her jewellery and insisted that her family paid no dowry, another almost universal custom.

"Within the rituals of the marriage we have tried to simplify it, both from the point of view of time and expense," she said. "We have tried to make a personal statement that I hope will help both brides and families in Pakistan."

There was some bad feeling among the local press when only journalists from Western countries were admitted to the pre-wedding news conference. Even Pakistanis employed by foreign organisations were kept out.

Benazir rejected a suggestion from a journalist that she had given herself away by having an arranged marriage. Zardari had treated her very well and she had great respect for him, she said.

"I was always told by my elders what comes after a marriage: What I have found for myself is that in an arranged marriage there is a mental commitment."

Resplendent in a white embroidered gown, her hands and feet bore patterns of henna from a traditional women-only ceremony the night before.

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## Ershad discusses economic plans

DHAKA, Dec 18. (Reuters): Bangladeshi President Hossain Mohammad Ershad met with senior officials on Thursday to discuss economic problems caused by more than a month of opposition protests against his rule, government sources said.

They said Ershad asked government officials to work harder to find solutions caused by 13 days of nationwide general strikes during an anti-government campaign which began on Nov. 10. They gave no details.

Economists have warned that the opposition-led strikes to force Ershad's resignation would further damage Bangladesh's already fragile economy.

Opposition leaders said they planned new strikes next week.

Officials said previous strikes had cost Bangladesh more than \$700 million in lost production and exports.

"This is almost a death blow for a country with annual exports worth only \$1 billion," an economist said.

## Concessions

"Ershad's ego is melting down gradually which reflects the initial victory of our movement. But no concessions other than his resignation will be enough to persuade the opposition to take part in future elections," the secretary-general of the Awami League party, Sajeda Chowdhury, told party workers.

The opposition eight-party alliance led by Awami League leader Sheikh Hasina said in a statement on Thursday: "We strongly reiterate our demands that Ershad must quit and transfer power to an independent caretaker government for ensuring honest balloting in the future polls."

The opposition charged that Ershad rigged parliamentary and presidential polls in 1986 to ensure victory for himself and his Jatiya Party.

Informed sources believed the concessions would lure opposition leaders, including Hasina and Begum Khaleda Zia, to talks on plans for fresh elections.

## Oldest Bangladeshi burned to death

DHAKA, Dec 18. (Reuters): Niljan Bibi, Bangladesh's oldest citizen at 120, was burned to death by unidentified attackers who set fire to her home, police said today.

They said the attack on Tuesday night might have been related to a land dispute between Bibi's son and other villagers in Char Kutub near Dhaka.

## 'Arms supply to Afghan rebels must stop'

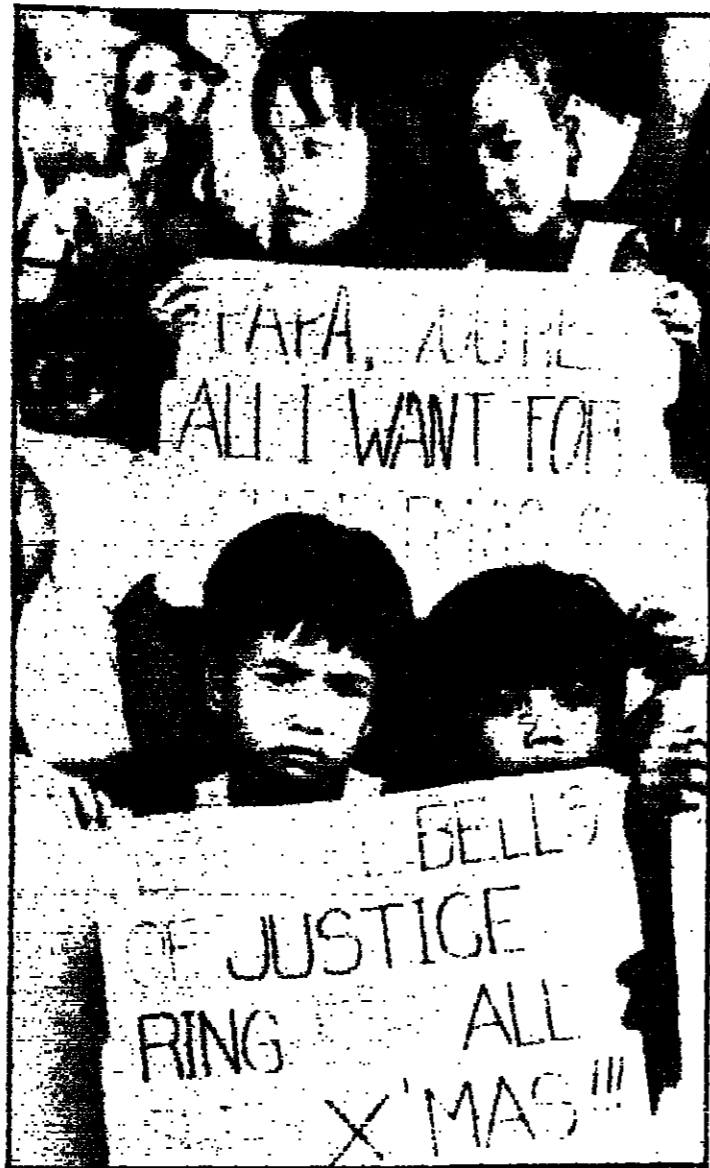
## No war during Soviet pullout

ISLAMABAD, Dec 18. (Reuters): Soviet troops will halt all military operations from the first day of a phased withdrawal from Afghanistan, Soviet ambassador to Pakistan Abdurrahman Vezirov said on Thursday.

He said in a lecture the Kremlin had offered to pull out in 12 months or even less, but Western arms supplies to rebel guerrillas must halt completely from the start of that period.

"From that moment, that date, the participation of the Soviet forces in military activities or operations will cease completely," he said.

The period of a Soviet withdrawal has been the main point in indirect negotiations between Pakistan, through which the rebels are supplied, and the Kabul government.



About 100 children of detained rebel soldiers picket outside the suburban constabulary headquarters demanding release of their fathers. (Reuters radiophoto)

## Aquino sacks coup leader, 13 others

MANILA, Dec 18. (Reuters): President Corazon Aquino ordered the Army today to discharge Colonel Gregorio Honasan and 13 other officers who led a coup attempt that nearly toppled her government four months ago.

Honasan, leader of the Aug 28 coup bid, and a lieutenant were captured on Dec 9 in a house in a Manila suburb. The other 12 are still at large.

Asked by reporters if she would consider granting Honasan an amnesty, Aquino said: "He has to face trial."

Many of about 2,000 rebel officers and soldiers were captured after bitter street fighting during the one-day coup attempt in which 53 people were killed and more than 300 wounded.

Ten officers and three sergeants surrendered weeks later and 100 soldiers are still on the run, military headquarters said.

Honasan, who has been detained on a naval ship

anchored in Manila Bay, told a Senate committee on Thursday the coup attempt was "a spontaneous collective decision."

Meanwhile, troops battled communist guerrillas at a rebel training camp north of Manila today.

Dozens of soldiers stationed in Manila were dispatched to help government troops in Zambales province, a military spokesman told reporters.

In the capital, the army announced it had uncovered a rebel plan to mount a fresh wave of attacks shortly after Christmas, the Manila Journal reported.

Confessing feelings put out by the communist-led National Democratic Front, were rejected earlier this week by armed forces chief General Fidel Ramos.

Earlier, the soldiers on Thursday recovered 10 bodies from a wrecked Philippines Airlines plane that crashed four days ago on Mindanao island.

## General Assembly approves resolution

## UN asks US to keep PLO office open

UNITED NATIONS, Dec 18. (AP): The General Assembly has approved a resolution calling on the United States not to close the Palestine Liberation Organisation office in New York.

The measure passed by a vote of 143-1 last night, with Israel casting the only negative vote. The United States abstained.

The resolution urged the United States to abide by its treaty obligations under an agreement to host UN headquarters. It also calls on UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to ensure compliance with the treaty.

According to the US State Department, the agreement says the United States must allow all UN missions to function. But Congress has moved to close the PLO mission, putting the State Department in what US Ambassador

sador Vernon Walters called a potentially awkward position.

The department recently closed the PLO's only other US office, an information centre in Washington. But it opposes closing the mission to the United Nations because of the treaty.

Walters told reporters that legislation ordering the closure of the PLO mission has not become law.

## Negotiations

"I think we can still discuss and negotiate with the Congress and talk it through," he said. "There are still some things we can do to try and find a way out of this."

The United Nations regards the PLO as the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and has made it an official observer of the General Assembly and participant in UN conferences.

ferences.

Hasan Rahman, a PLO spokesman, said closing his group's offices "pre-empt" any dialogue between the United States and the PLO and makes it impossible for Americans to get the PLO point of view.

## Defiance

The American Civil Liberties Union has mounted a legal challenge to the closure of the PLO Washington office. The case is on appeal.

The PLO deputy observer Riyadh Mansour told Kuna that he hoped the US administration will abide by the wish of the international community.

The only negative vote of Israel, he added, is a reflection of its total isolation and its complete defiance of international norms and agreements.

"If President Reagan is to sign this piece of legislation, which he might do at any moment, then the General Assembly will be reconvened to consider further measures so as to see the US comply with the provisions of the agreement," Mansour warned.

One of the possible requests from the reconvened session, he explained, would be to ask for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice.

Arab League envoy Clovis Maksoud said in a statement distributed here that the near-unanimous vote in the assembly "clearly shows how the whole world feels about the attempts to silence the PLO at the UN, to usurp its right to represent the Palestinian people at the foremost international forum and to violate US treaty obligations to the world organisation."

By their positive vote, Maksoud added, the 143 nations were also expressing their "outrage at the extent of Israeli influence on US policy, especially when these affect the rights of UN delegations."

Walters also gave a favourable rating to this year's General Assembly session, expected to adjourn within a few days, and said there had been less anti-US invective.

"Basically, it was a good year ... and was accompanied by less venom, let us say, as far as my country is concerned, than was the case previously," he told a news conference.

He ticked off what the United States regarded as favourable assembly votes on issues such as Afghanistan, Kampuchea and the credentials of the Israeli delegation.

## Pakistani convicted of plot to export N-metals

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 18. (AP): A Pakistani-born Canadian was convicted Thursday of conspiring to export to Pakistan two restricted metals used in nuclear weapons.

But the jury of seven men and five women acquitted the defendant, Arshad Pervez, of bribing a US customs agent to get an export licence for the restricted metals.

Pervez, 43, a resident of the Toronto suburb of Willowdale, faces a maximum prison term of 25 years, less than half the maximum he faced on conviction of the three bribery counts. US district judge James Giles set sentencing for Feb. 10.

One juror, who preferred to remain anonymous, said the panel decided Pervez had been entrapped into paying the \$1,000 bribe.

Jeffrey Miller, the attorney who represented Pervez, said he had mixed feelings about the verdict but was pleased with the bribery acquittal.

## Conspiracy

Pervez was convicted of conspiracy to file false documents to get an export licence to ship Maraging 350 steel to Pakistan, for filing three false documents and for attempting to export Beryllium.

Maraging 350 steel is a strategic steel alloy needed to produce weapons-grade uranium. Beryllium is a metal used to boost the intensity of nuclear explosions.

On the phony licence, issued for the investigation by the customs official, Pervez said the metal would be used for turbines and compressors.

Pervez, who operated an import-export business, was charged with conspiring with Inam ul Haq, a retired Pakistani brigadier general, to export the restricted metals from October 1986 to July 10, when Pervez was arrested.

## Bomb kills two in W. Beirut

## Six die in battle with Israelis

BEIRUT, Dec 18. (AP): Israeli forces and their Lebanese militia allies killed six Arab commandos in South Lebanon on Thursday during a pre-dawn battle in the foothills of Mount Hermon, police said.

The families of kidnapped French diplomats Marcel Fontaine and Marcel Carton pleaded for their release from 1,000 days of captivity in Lebanon, a Beirut newspaper reported.

In West Beirut, a bomb exploded under a jeep in the Haret Hreik district, 150 metres away from a Syrian Army checkpoint.

Police said there were no casualties among the Syrian peacekeepers, but that two passersby were killed and two wounded.

In East Beirut, right-wing Christian groups called for a general strike to protest alleged mass arrests of Christian youths by

Syrian forces in north Lebanon.

A police spokesman said Israeli troops and their allies of the South Lebanon Army militia killed the six guerrillas.

The fighting began when guerrillas attacked a hilltop position manned by the SLA and Israeli troops in an area west of Hasbaya, a town in Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone," he said.

The Israelis, according to the Beirut-based spokesman, "pounded the attackers with Howitzers and tank cannons" in a 30-minute battle. He had no information on Israeli casualties.

In Jerusalem, the Israeli Army confirmed that six commandos were killed in a gunbattle in south Lebanon early Thursday. He said the Israelis suffered no casualties.

The battle came two days after Israeli and SLA militiamen wounded two fighters of the

Iranian-backed Hezbollah in a confrontation north of the security zone.

Two women passengers were killed and a baby and three people wounded when a pickup truck exploded 200 metres from the home of a senior Shiite Muslim religious leader.

Police did not know who was responsible for the last night blast, caused by a bomb in the engine compartment.

Sheikh Mohammed Mehdi Shamseddine, deputy chairman of Lebanon's Shiite Higher Council, lives near the site in the Haret Hreik area of Beirut's sprawling Shiite suburbs.

Police said they did not believe the explosion was aimed at Shamseddine. The six people in the truck were a family returning home after visiting relatives.

The male driver and the baby were among the four people gravely injured in the blast, they added.

## Mubarak to visit Washington

CAIRO, Dec 18. (Reuters): Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak will have talks with President Ronald Reagan in Washington late next month during a long-delayed visit to Cairo's main superpower ally, government sources said.

Mubarak last visited the United States in September 1985. Government sources said he shelved plans to go there last February because he was angry over the disclosure of US arms sales to Iran.

He said the US had lost credibility among Arab states which, like Egypt, support Iraq against Iran in the Gulf war.

Diplomats said Mubarak's scheduled Washington visit, for which dates were still being fixed, showed close ties between the US and Egypt — the second biggest recipient of American military and economic aid after Israel — had recovered from the Iranagate episode.

## Bhopal judge asks Carbide to pay \$270m relief

BHOPAL, Dec 18. (Reuters): An Indian judge told Union Carbide Corporation on Thursday to pay \$270 million to Bhopal poison gas leak victims while he decides who to blame for the world's worst industrial disaster.

The US multinational said the ruling for interim compensation amounted to awarding damages without a trial.

The Indian government is suing the company for \$3.3 billion damages over the Dec 3, 1984 leak of gas from a pesticides plant in this central Indian city which killed more than 2,500 people and injured 200,000 others.

Victims and relief workers demonstrating outside the courthouse cheered after Judge M W Deo told Union Carbide to pay the money to the court within two months.

## Outcome

Union Carbide reacted swiftly to the ruling which it said "amounts to awarding damages without a trial, a practice that runs counter to the laws of India and other democracies."

"Although we are deeply concerned for the victims, interim compensation has never been allowed where the evidence in respect to the liability is in dispute," Robert Berzok, director of corporate communications, said in a statement in New York.

Judge Deo, in a 17-page order, said the ruling would not

prejudice the outcome.

"Being interlocutory in nature, this order shall naturally be without prejudice to the rights and defences of the parties to the suit and the counter-claim that may be finally adjudicated," Deo said.

He said the money would be used for health care and creating jobs for the more than half a million people who have filed claims for damages.

"Attempts at an overall settlement appear to have bogged down in the din of diverse loud voices, leaving the poor gas victims pathetically past even the third anniversary of the unprecedented disaster to fight out legal battles," the judge said.

For that reason the court thought it "in the interest of justice and fair play" to hear the interim relief application.

The Indian government had earlier rejected Union Carbide's offer of \$1.5 million interim relief, and talks between the two on an out-of-court settlement broke down last month.

India filed homicide charges on Dec 1 against the company's former Warren Anderson and eight other former officials.

Carbide, based in Danbury, Connecticut, maintains sabotage by a disgruntled employee caused the disaster at the pesticides plant owned by its subsidiary Union Carbide India. India has ruled out sabotage.

## Earthquake kills two in Japan

TOKYO, Dec 18. (Reuters): A strong earthquake jolted an extensive area of Japan on Thursday, killing at least two people and injuring 53 others, police said.

The earthquake, which registered 6.6 on the open-ended Richter scale, shook much of the main island of Honshu Soon.

Hardest-hit was Chiba prefecture, east of Tokyo, where police reported two people killed, 43 injured and nine buildings destroyed or damaged.

Police said a 33-year-old housewife was crushed to death under a huge ornamental stone lantern and a 29-year-old woman was buried under a block wall. Another housewife was injured seriously as the wall fell.

In Tokyo, eight people were injured, including two carpenters who fell from a building under construction, a man who fell from a forklift truck and two elderly women who fell at home.

The tremor, one of the strongest to hit Japan this year, destroyed or damaged 16 buildings throughout Japan and triggered three landslides, police said.

## Indonesia

Meanwhile, a similar earthquake jolted Indonesia's tourist island of Bali today injuring 20 people but causing no serious damage, the weather office said.

Supardjo, an official of the weather office, said the quake measured 5.8 on the open-ended Richter scale. He said it hit early this morning and was centred in the Indian Ocean, about 200 km south of the Bali capital of Denpasar.

Supardjo also said about 20 people suffered slight injuries during the quake.

In Taiwan, an earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale shook the southern part of the island today but there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties, the central weather bureau reported.

The Bureau said the quake was recorded shortly before 2 p.m. (0600 GMT) and its epicentre was 11 miles (17 kms) southeast of Chiayi, a mountainous county 120 miles (195 km) south of Taipei.

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## Dates sent to non-existing company

TEN trailer truckloads of dates remained unloaded after two weeks at the Sulabiya customs area because the company that was supposed to receive their cargo and pay their wages does not exist.

The drivers said that the dates are supposed to be shipped to Dubai through Kuwaiti ports and that the Swiss Shipping Company, who had employed them, owed them about KD6,000. They added that some of the drivers had only one week residence visas and that they were unable to stay in hotels while they were here because hotels are not allowed to register anyone without a residence permit.

The drivers requested that they be allowed to unload the dates at the General Warehouses Company storage area or be allowed to sell the dates to compensate for their lost wages and expenses.

## No learner's driving licence for another year

BRIGADIER Fuad Musaed Al Saleh, the Director General of Kuwait's General Traffic Department and chairman of the driver's training board of directors, said that no official date had yet been set for issuing learning drivers application forms, but that it would definitely not be until the end of next year because of the extensive preparation needed and administrative arrangements required.

He added that application forms would be distributed only to those badly in need of being able to drive.

## Arrested

DETECTIVES have arrested two Pakistanis on a charge of possessing hashish.

The men have been referred to the relevant authorities.

## Arab League committee proposes closer scrutiny of information staff

AN Arab League ad hoc committee suggested on Thursday closer scrutiny of the professional qualifications of candidates to head the League's information bureaux abroad as a means of boosting the energy and effectiveness of Arab information on the international scene.

The committee, concluding three days of talks on ways of activating the Arab League's international information programmes, also recommended that Arab states should announce candidates with strong information background, knowledge of the Arab and international media and good command of at least one foreign language before any final appointments are made.

The panel blamed the shortcoming in the works of information offices on the drop in financial resources as a result of some Arab countries failing to settle their commitments to the Arab information fund.

**Coordination**  
The committee pointed out that dispatches from information bureaux to the league headquarters are quality disparate, often void of accurate analysis and tend to describe only local press coverage and neglect other media, particularly television and radio.

They proposed that bureau reports should be more analytic, serving as a barometer of local reaction to Arab events.

The committee said other



The final session of the Arab information committee meeting

means of energising information missions ranged from closer coordination with Arab friendship societies, chambers of commerce and other Arab institutions in the host country, to employing help of the local Arab communities.

**Publicity**  
It added that the information bureaux should consult with the council of Arab ambassadors to lay an annual information plan that would have to obtain the approval of the standing committee of Arab information.

The publicity work of the bureaux should not be confined to capital cities, and attention must also be given to big cities of political and informational influence, the conferees went on.

The panel expressed belief that Arab friendship societies could play a key role in defending Arab rights and causes.

Addressing the concluding session, Kuwait Information Under-secretary, Abdulaziz Jaafar expressed satisfaction at the outcome of the deliberations and pointed out that the Arab

nation was going through a new chapter in common Arab work following the successful conclusion of the Amman Arab summit of last month.

Jaafar noted that the current Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip indicative of this new Arab struggle and collective work.

Also speaking, head of the standing Arab information committee, Salah Al Mukhtar, thanked the Kuwait leadership and government for hosting the committee's meetings.

## Concern over increase in water level

AN official source at Kuwait's Ministry of Electricity and Water said that a recent increase in the water level at the power generation plants was a source of concern to the ministry. He said that an immediate investigation is required to determine the reason for the increase and added that this was another problem similar to the leakage of underground water in basements. He said that the underground water leakage had affected even the new Palace of Justice building and that the ministry and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research had studied the problem and had made recommendations which are to be carried out.

## Social security lacks funds

THE chairman of the Social Security Committee, Rashid Al Abdullah Al Othman said that the committee is unable to fulfil its obligations because of inadequate finances and a low annual membership fee.

He added that the number of redundancies and the suspension of employment contributed to the poor financial condition of the social security scheme.

The committee held a meeting earlier, chaired by Al Othman, to discuss the Municipality and Kuwait Fire Department employees' social security. Ways of solving the financial problems of the system were also discussed.

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### Amiri cable

HH the Amir has sent a cable of congratulation to King of Bhutan Jigme Singye Wangchuck on the occasion of his country's National Day.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Iran's future intentions

KUWAIT daily Al Rai Al Aam tried to cast light on Iranian future intentions toward the Gulf war by analysing three indicators of Iran's military and political acts within the last few days.

The Kuwaiti newspaper noted the first indicator is Iran's escalation of its attacks against tankers and merchant ships in the Gulf and the second is the increasing threats by Rafsanjani against the Gulf countries in general and Kuwait in particular.

In completion of its game, the paper said, Iran circulated a number of reports related to Khomeini's health which represented the third indicator of Tehran's political behaviour.

These three indicators are in fact an open message that confirms Iran's insistence on continuing its aggressive policy toward the Gulf countries and their interests, the paper said, and singled out Rafsanjani's threats to attack the oil and industrial positions along the Gulf's western coast.

Tehran, the paper noted, invested the reports on Khomeini's health either to create a state of relaxation in the Gulf countries and in Iraq in particular, or to pave the way for a military attack.

Iranian leaders will continue leading their peoples to the war intransigently so long as they reject to heed the voice of reason and respond to peace calls.

## Dali condemns Iranian attacks against Kuwait

DEMOCRATIC Yemen's Foreign Minister, Dr Abdel Aziz Al Dali on Thursday condemned Iranian attacks against Kuwait, affirming his country's support for Kuwait in protecting its soil and independence against any foreign aggression.

Al Dali said, in an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper, "we are against any attack on Kuwait and we have declared that we back Kuwait in defending its lands and independence against any external assault."

The Yemeni minister stressed that the foreign military presence in the Gulf waters creates tension and provides more chances for dangerous occurrences, demanding the withdrawal of all foreign fleets.

On the Iraq-Iran war, Al Dali pointed out that his country backs decisions reached by the Amman summit held last month that UN resolution 598 is the

framework to put an end to the hostilities in the region.

He said that Democratic Yemen-Iranian ties "are not bad" and the same applies for Iraq, and "the same goes for our brothers in the Gulf."

Al Dali denied that his country rejects the idea of a union with the Yemen Arab Republic, affirming, "there is no one capable of standing against a union which represents ambitions of Yemeni people in both parts."

He also denied that the presence of ex-Yemeni President Ali Nasser Mohamed in Sanaa will affect efforts to unify the two states.

As for the possibility of resuming full diplomatic relations with Cairo, the Yemeni official said that such a decision is up to the leaders of the two countries, noting that his country did not reject the Arab summit's resolution in this regard.

## Education programmes suggested to curb vandalism

AS YEMENI Minister of Education, Dr Abdul Azeem Mohammed, said that special educational programmes be developed for use in the home and school. It was noted that values and attitudes toward public facilities are learned at home and that this was the most appropriate place to begin.

Symposium participants also recommended that imams direct their attention to this matter and

teach the Islamic attitude at mosques toward public money and property.

The symposium, patronised by Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, was attended by the Undersecretary Lt. General Yousef Bader Al Khorafi, top ministry officials, a large number of government personnel and various scientific specialists.

### Saleh to visit UAE

ABU DHABI, Dec 18, (Kuna): President of the Yemen Arab Republic, Ali Abdullah Saleh, will arrive here next Sunday on a three-day state visit to the United Arab Emirates at the invitation of UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan.

During the visit, Saleh will hold talks with Sheikh Zayed on brotherly relations between the two countries and means of developing them in various fields, the situation in the Gulf region, developments in the Arab area and issues of mutual interest.

## Kuwait rally in support of Palestinian uprising

A LARGE number of Palestinians and Arabis in Kuwait participated in a three hour sit-in at the PLO office in Kuwait to express their solidarity with the Palestinian revolution acts against the Zionists in occupied Arab territories.

A member of the Fateh Revolutionary Council Usman Abu Gharbiya, addressing the group, praised the Palestinians under Israeli occupation for their resistance to Zionists, adding that this re-awakening of Palestinians was evidence that the Palestinian people cannot be broken or defeated.

He said that the people in the Gaza Strip face Israeli tanks with stones and their bare hands and

that this fight has united the Palestinian groups against Israeli actions. Abu Gharbiya added that this recent movement should be supported by Arab governments.

He also called for an end to the Iraq-Iran war, which, he said, only benefitted the US and Israel.

### Struggle

The Advisor of the Arab League Secretary General Al Munsif Al Mai, speaking at the sit-in said that the Palestinian people had proven again that they were alive in their struggle and that the Palestinian issue is the main question of the Arab world.

At the conclusion of the sit-in participants sent a cable to HH the Amir of Kuwait as Chairman of the Islamic Conference Council, to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd and to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat calling on them to support Palestinians in the occupied lands.

## Call to diversify agricultural production

DR Abdul Azeem Mohammed, the Economic Advisor of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources in Kuwait, speaking at a lecture organised by the Agricultural Engineering Society said that Kuwait should diversify its local agricultural production and conserve water by using modern irrigation systems in agricultural projects.

Dr Abdul Azeem said that agriculture is a vital issue in modern societies and that depending on imported agricultural products is unsatisfactory. He added that people should invest in agricultural projects because of their importance to society and food security.

## Somali minister ends UAE visit

ABU DHABI, Dec 18, (Kuna): Somali Minister of Information and National Guidance, Abdurashid Sheikh Ahmed today concludes his visit to the United Arab Emirates and will head to Kuwait on Saturday.

During the visit, the Somali minister conveyed a message to UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan from his Somali counterpart Mohammed Siad Barre on bilateral relations and means of boosting them.

He also held talks with UAE Information and Culture Minister Sheikh Ahmed Bin Hamed that covered relations between the two countries in the mass media fields and means of developing and strengthening them, particularly in exchanging broadcast and television programmes.

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## Restrictions hinder tourism

By Abdul Karim Kazem

THE general director of the National Tourist and Travel Centre, Salam Ahmad, said that the tourist industry had become one of the vital industries in the world.

He added that governments relied a great deal on tourism to develop their economy and always sought ways to free tourism of restrictions, which hinders the industry.

He told the Seyassah newspaper that freedom for motorists to travel was important to tourism. He said that trip-tickets for cars were like passports and were necessary to enable cars to move from one country to another.

Formerly foreign countries issued such tickets through agents in different Arab countries for Arab countries.

Egypt was the first to realise the significance of these car clubs, and an Arab Car Club was established but had to close down due to competition from the foreign clubs.

Studies were then made on the matter and in 1982 the first Arab car club was formed with the name: National Tourist and Travel Centre. It issues trip tickets and international driving licences.

The administrative director, Mohammed Al Mouti, said the trip-tickets were for cars only and had no connection with the

passengers or goods carried by the cars.

The tickets were a temporary entry permit to a specific country.

He said that drivers should comply with the traffic laws of the countries they visited and had to pay any customs duty.

He said that unified insurance could be obtained and purchasers would not have to pay for damages caused by accidents.

He said that temporary Kuwaiti licences could be obtained by holders of international driving licences.

The Centre also arranged for sending cars by sea.

He said the Centre had a capital of over \$1,000,000.

## Fog shuts airports

BAHRAIN, Dec 18. (Reuters): Thick fog covered the western coast of the Gulf overnight bringing Doha airport in eastern Saudi Arabia to a standstill today and briefly disrupting flights at Abu Dhabi and Bahrain terminals.

"The airport is closed," an official at Doha airport said but refused to give more details. Bahrain international airport was shut from 0300 to 0600 GMT and at least two flights were diverted to Doha airport in nearby Qatar, officials said.

British Airways flight BA-145 from London to Bombay via Bahrain was diverted to Doha.

## Saudi Arabia denies report on joint force

RIYADH, Dec 18. (Kuna): A Saudi official military source has denied a press report that a Saudi military delegation had visited Cairo and held talks on offering \$100 million for a proposed Egyptian-Jordanian force.

The report was carried by the Lebanese Al Sayyad magazine which said that a three-man Saudi delegation had held talks with Egyptian officials that concentrated on joining the defence ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council in the board of the military production authority.

The magazine also claimed

that the Saudi delegation had expressed Riyadh's readiness to extend \$100 million for buying sophisticated military equipment for the Egyptian-Jordanian force.

The source said however, no wonder that the Saudi kingdom resumes its cooperation with Egypt in military, cultural, industrial and agricultural fields in service of the mutual interests of the two countries, but the source denied that a Saudi delegation had visited Cairo and that talks on subjects referred to by the magazine had taken place.

## Mellor lauds strong UK-Saudi relations

LONDON, Dec 18. (Kuna): British Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, David Mellor has described the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as Britain's most important trade partner after the United States and Europe.

Mellor, who arrives in Riyadh today, highlighted the existing strong relations between the kingdom and Britain.

Addressing a press conference in London last night, Mellor said his visit to the kingdom would provide him with the opportunity to discuss with the Saudi officials the Iraq-Iran war and the efforts being exerted by the UN to end it in the light of resolution 598.

Efforts should be exerted to prevent the escalation of the war, he added.

Mellor further deplored the Iranian aggression on Kuwait.

Contacts are under way between Britain and Kuwait in this

connection, he added. Meanwhile, Mellor expressed concern over the deteriorating situation in the occupied Arab territories and in particular in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We do condemn the violence exercised by the Israeli authorities," he stressed, while calling for a peaceful solution to the problems of the region.

Mellor, underlining the importance of the international peace conference in the Middle East, said the conference would pave the way for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict.

## Kennedy to visit Gulf

WASHINGTON, Dec 18. (AP): Senator Edward M. Kennedy will spend the Christmas holidays with US servicemen on duty in the Gulf, an aide said yesterday.

The Massachusetts Democrat is chairman of a Senate Armed Services Subcommittee that oversees responsibility for the US mission to protect oil tankers in the war-torn region.

Kennedy will leave this week-end and deliver a speech on US-Israeli relations Monday in Tel Aviv, said spokeswoman Melody Miller.

Aides declined to give other details of the trip, but said he would be in the Gulf on Christmas day, Dec 25.

## Security Council urged to take further measures to end war

UNITED NATIONS, Dec 18. (Kuna): The Arab League committee of seven on Iraq-Iran has urged the Security Council to assume its responsibilities and to take further measures to insure compliance with its call last July to end the Gulf war.

"It is time for the Security Council to consider seriously how to implement 'further measures' to ensure compliance with the resolution," Iraq's envoy Ismat Kittani told reporters following the committee's meeting with Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on Wednesday.

The committee's members are Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia and Yemen.

"We want the council to move to the second stage of considering what kind of sanctions everybody has in mind and feel that everyone's patience is coming to an end and something must be done at the council after the secretary-general reported to them last week," Kittani said.

The secretary-general indicated recently his efforts to end the war diplomatically have failed, and he called for "fresh and resolute impulses" by the council.

Kittani said he was pleased that "this business of 'let's give more time' is coming to an end."

Asked whether Iraq was concerned about the safety of ship-

ping in the Gulf, Kittani said "as long as the war continues ships will be hit, and in order to avoid that you have to end the war, not the other way around."

**Urgency**

In a related development, the committee met Tuesday with the council's current president, Aleksander Belonogov of the Soviet Union, and expressed to him "our need to expedite the process of implementing the council resolution."

The committee's co-ordinator, Arab League envoy Clovis Maksoud told Kuna following the meeting that Belonogov "shared with us the need and urgency of the implementation" and is now holding bilateral consultations on the subject in order to reconcile positions.

He said Belonogov promised the committee's members that "something will be done before Christmas."

Diplomats here expect the council to issue a presidential statement next week in which its members will express their determination to insure the implementation of the resolution "as a first step to future action."

As the Soviet envoy, Maksoud added, Belonogov hinted that his government might be against sanctions and considers the arms embargo, called for by the US "as one of the options" under discussion.

The committee also met Wednesday with the caucus of the

non-aligned countries in the council and urged them to unify and strengthen their position in order to speed up the process of implementing the resolution.

## Al Ali is dead



Al Ali

LONDON, Dec 18. (Kuna): The International Commissioner for Scouts in Kuwait, Ali Hassan Al Ali, died of a heart attack in London today.

He had accompanied his wife to London last month when she came for treatment at a London hospital.

Al Ali, 59, was a pioneer of the scouting movement in Kuwait and was general supervisor for Scouts and Cubs at Kuwait's Education Ministry.

## Khomeini predicts he will die next year

PARIS, Dec 18. Iran's religious leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, has called himself the "absent imam" and had ordered the war with Iraq to continue until the second Islamic empire was established, it was revealed in Paris.

According to the daily Seyassah of Kuwait, Khomeini called on Shi'ites around the world to pledge allegiance to him as the 12th imam in the series of imams after the first imam, Ali Bin Abu Taleb.

Khomeini said in his testament that an angel informed him he would die in the coming Persian year beginning in September 1988, adding that he expected to die two months after the start of the Persian year, probably in October or November 1988.

This was stated in Khomeini's amended will and testament which was deposited in the safe of the custody council presided over by Khomeini's appointed successor Montazeri.

**Leaked**  
The contents of the testament were leaked by sources of the Iranian opposition to higher authorities in the French government.

An opposition source affirmed in Paris that their sources in Iran saw the amended testament

and sent a copy to them.

An Iranian opposition source from Paris gave the details of the testament to the Seyassah by telephone.

According to the source, Khomeini's testament considered as infidels all those who agreed to stop the war with Iraq — after Khomeini's departure — before establishment of the second Islamic empire.

**Empire**  
The testament defined the empire as extending to Egypt in the West and to the Gulf states, the Arab peninsula and the two Yemens in the south. The two Yemens would become the central Islamic province from which Islamic caravans would move. Egypt would be the second central province, and the testament called for mobilising the Muslim army from it to reconquer the Arab West and then cross Gibraltar to reconquer Spain, known in Arabic as Andalus.

Khomeini has asked his successor to read the testament in full to the Shi'ite followers who would come for his funeral.

The successor would announce that, in accordance with Shi'ite doctrine, it had been affirmed Khomeini was the expected imam of the Shi'ites and

they must therefore make pilgrimages to his grave on the anniversaries of his death.

The testament called for holding to what it described as the divine right of Muslims to make pilgrimages to the holy shrines in Makkah and oppose all measures to make the pilgrimages for a particular section of Muslims.

(This part was interpreted as a call to continue violence during the Muslim pilgrimage season).

In the amended testament, the election of a president for Iran after the death of Khomeini was cancelled. It said that this new post was made necessary by the conditions for establishing the second Islamic empire for which Khomeini laid down the foundation.

During his life Khomeini was the only guarantor for the fairness of the president and there was, therefore, no need after Khomeini's death to engage Muslims in something that might keep them away from jihad. Khomeini's successor would, therefore, also be the president.

The testament called for admitting Muslims from all over the world into the Iranian Army and for changing the Army's name to Army of Muslims.

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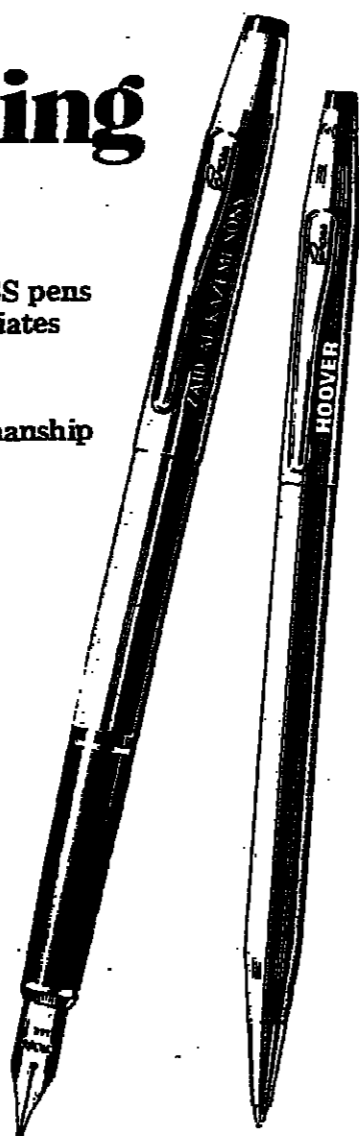
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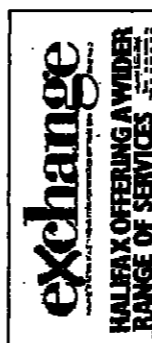
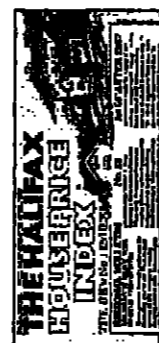
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## Thought for today

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### US presidential race

## Hart's re-entry stuns everyone

NEW YORK. (AP) Gary Hart, the presidential candidate who dropped out of the race seven months ago in a flurry of controversy only to rejoin it on Tuesday, faces a daunting task in reviving his campaign.

Pollsters say he must restore the confidence of voters whose faith in his leadership was shattered by last spring's scandal involving a beautiful, young model-actress from Miami named Donna Rice. Hart is married.

"Hart is a flawed candidate," Andrew Kohut, president of the Gallup Organisation, a leading pollster in the United States, said Tuesday after Hart surprised the nation in announcing the rebirth of his candidacy. "A man can't run successfully for president when you have 43 per cent of the American public saying they have an unfavourable opinion of him."

While Hart quickly may regain his strongest supporters and emerge as the Democratic frontrunner, pollsters said, he still must overcome unfavourable opinions of his candidacy that rose dramatically after he withdrew in May.

"It doesn't matter that 20 per cent of the people still love you," said another poll-taker, Gordon S. Black. "As long as concern about your ability to be president is present, people aren't going to vote for you."

Hart was the clear-cut front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination when he quit the campaign. He returns to the fray at a time when the six previously declared Democratic candidates are struggling to generate national support.

Several national pollsters said they expected Hart to emerge with support around 20 per cent, the same as current Democratic frontrunner Jesse Jackson.

Because national polls early in the race chiefly measure name recognition, "Hart is certainly going to do better than the other candidates, other than Jackson," said Warren Mitovsky, chief of news polling for the CBS television network.

But the question is whether Hart can regain the broader support he once enjoyed.

"I would guess he is seriously damaged," Mitovsky said. In addition, Hart said Tuesday

he has no campaign funds, polls or staff. "I have something even better, I have the power of ideas. And I can govern this country," the candidate said.

Surveys, however, have indicated a deep division of feeling about Hart. The number of adults with unfavourable opinions of him rose from 17 per cent in April to 43 per cent in September in Gallup polls. His favourable rating fell from 72 per cent to 50 per cent in that period.

There is a substantial group, over a quarter of Democrats, who think Hart is not qualified to be president. And that could hurt him," said Kelly Hanley, a poll analyst for the ABC television network. "He's got to convince those people that he is qualified."

Hart re-entered the race, with his wife, Lee, on his side at the state Capitol in Concord, New Hampshire, saying, "let's let the people decide." New Hampshire is the site of the first statewide primary in the United States. Friday was the deadline for candidates to sign up for the Feb 16 primary.

Hart had been dogged by rumours of "womanizing" early in his campaign and had challenged reporters to follow him, saying they would be bored by what they found.

The Miami Herald stalked out his Washington townhouse overnight, while Mrs Hart was out of town, and uncovered his relationship with Rice.

Furore  
When asked later if he thought the furore would affect his renewed candidacy, Hart replied: "I don't think so. We're going to leave it up to the people."

Mrs Hart said the family was willing to endure the rigors of a campaign "because I believe in this country and its future. Whatever grief (the experience) is nothing compared to what is important."

Hart could get a boost from the fact that many Democratic voters remain undecided. In September, pollster Burns W. Roper included Hart's name in a survey of likely Democratic voters in the 12 southern states, and Hart led with 26 per cent.

But that could have been an expression of dissatisfaction with the field and a desire for something different, rather than real support for Hart, Roper said.

### An appeal to King Fahd

## Economic cohesion of GCC should be strengthened

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

THE GCC summit, which is the only summit conference of Arabs that has been held regularly during the past eight years, will soon be held again. The summit has not only been held regularly, but has also achieved a lot in various aspects of cooperation among GCC member states.

This summit will be held in Saudi Arabia, at the invitation of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, one of the most important personalities involved in the evolution of the GCC. It was HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed and his brother King Fahd who, after seeing the state of disunity in the Arab world, conceived the idea of the GCC at an Arab summit about eight years ago.

All official statements indicate that there is an interest in establishing a unified economy to link GCC peoples. The Amir of Qatar once described this desire as "a path towards Gulf economic unity and the Amir of Bahrain said that it was a "link of popular interests". King Fahd, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques described the possibility of a unified economy as the beginning of "a unified political framework necessitated by the joint interest of the peoples in the region."

In a few days the eighth GCC Summit will be held in Riyadh, the capital of the largest Gulf country, Saudi Arabia. Kuwait's Amir has said that the Riyadh summit is "very important". We agree wholeheartedly with this and will add that the Riyadh summit has a special dimension because of the developments in the region and the fact that it is held in a big, important country.

But the size of the country, in terms of what can be accomplished, is not as important as the contribution of each member state towards cooperation. It is with this in mind that we direct our comments to Riyadh and King Fahd.

Everyone knows that this summit is important. GCC citizens insist that linking interests is an important factor and deserves a prompt decision. Linking popular interests should not be affected by the influence of a trading agent in one of the GCC states because his trade could be affected by encouraging local industry. GCC decisions should

not be impeded by the influence of a financial or economic establishment simply because its own interests do not enhance economic cooperation among GCC states.

### Important

Saudi Arabia is an influential member of the GCC states. When initiative is shown by Saudi Arabia towards the implementation of economic ties among GCC states, it means that we have made progress towards strengthening relations and cohesion among GCC countries.

King Fahd, you will be the GCC chairman at the next meeting which will be held in your country in a few days and it is well known that there is a lot of discussion about the GCC's present status. Some say that GCC states have made important achievements over the past eight years, others say that these achievements were too slow in coming. We recognise that differences among GCC states have not created rifts or permanent disputes, which is a good sign and attests to the value of the GCC as



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## Toothpaste makers brush aside charges of racism

By William Kazer

HONG KONG. (Reuters) The makers of one of the most popular toothpastes in Asia are facing criticism they can't brush aside.

Dankie toothpaste has been battling tooth decay for over 60 years but its manufacturers are now considering a name change amid criticism from US church groups that their product is offensive to blacks.

Hong Kong-based Hawley and Hazel Chemical Company is testing a new name — Dankie — for its familiar product, best known for the toothy smile of a black man on its packaging.

Criticism  
The image was inspired by the popular American singer Al Jolson, a white whose best-known performance was as a black minstrel. Perhaps to flatter him, perhaps as a marketing gimmick, founders of the company adopted it as their logo.

"They don't consider it racist. They believe it is not offensive in their region," said a spokesman for the company in Hong Kong. "It's a US issue."

But it is an issue that has forced the manufacturers to change their strategy. Hawley and Hazel, founded in Shanghai and later moved to the British colony, had occasional problems with the name of its product in the past.

But it was not until Colgate-Palmolive of the United States bought 50 per cent interest in the company in 1985 that criticism threatened to take a bite out of profits.

The US-based Interfaith Centre on corporate responsibility, which monitors equal rights issues, has pressed Colgate-Palmolive to consider a change.

"Some of our members, religious institutional investors, already held shares at the time that concern was first raised about the name and the image of the Dankie toothpaste packaging which was supposed to portray Al Jolson in blackface," said Dara Demmings of the centre's Equality USA Programme. "It just looks like a black person in blackface."

The Interfaith Centre official said there had been progress on the issue and Colgate-Palmolive has been responsive to concerns. But Colgate-Palmolive is moving cautiously because it does not want to jeopardise the only product of the Hong Kong firm — a toothpaste that has as much as 75 per cent of the Taiwan market and a substantial share of sales in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Hong Kong.

Changed  
The Chinese name, which literally means "black man toothpaste" has not been changed in the Singapore market test.

Nor has the logo, though company officials say they might replace it with a more modern-looking black person. They say they might also change the brand name to Darbie or Hawley.

The response to the market test, begun in October, has been subdued. A company official in Singapore said "consumers here are pretty indifferent to the English name, and the logo of the black and white minstrel is not seen as offensive."

Consumers buying "Dankie" were asked to call a hotline with their response, but fewer than six telephone calls have been recorded.

Elsewhere, the controversy over the product has gone largely unnoticed.

In Malaysia, where racial issues are a highly sensitive subject, consumers are generally unconcerned.

Unaware  
This is because most Malaysian consumers are not only very much in the dark over the controversy surrounding the toothpaste but also generally unaware of the black Americans and their civil rights struggle," said a marketing official.

The low-key response was echoed in Taiwan. Helen Liu, a 57-year-old housewife in Taipei, said: "The toothpaste featuring a black man with a toothy smile is an excellent advertisement."

### Israeli soldiers fear for their lives

## Violence due to tougher tactics

By Masha Hamilton

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) Tougher tactics used by Israeli soldiers who fear for their lives and Arab frustration over a stalled peace process have triggered an upsurge of bloody riots in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Demonstrations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which began Dec 8, have been some of the most violent and widespread in the last 10 years.

Lack of political progress in the Arab-Israeli conflict since the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty is fueling Palestinian discontent and fury.

Cabinet Minister Ezer Weizman, a key negotiator in peace talks with Egypt.

"Anybody who thinks these protesters are only youths and that the violence will pass is making a big mistake," said Weizman, a member of the Centrist Labour Party.

"(The unrest) is a result of a failure to even try to find a political solution to the conflict. The Israeli government must call on Arab governments immediately to resume peace talks," he said on Israeli Radio.

Sparked  
But Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, leader of the right-wing Likud bloc, said the violence was sparked largely by Arab perceptions of Israeli weakness.

"Today we face a wave of defeatist reaction by Israelis who are tired," Shamir told the radio.

"They say that in order to satisfy some international conscience, we have to return to the suffocating 1967 (boundary) lines and that then peace will descend upon us."

Israeli and Palestinian observers alike agree Israeli troops have been tougher than usual in repressing daily demonstrations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which Israel occupied in the 1967 Middle East war.

But they disagree about the reasons for the new toughness. "The Army has not been dispatched enough soldiers to stop the rioting," said Ariel Merari, a noted Israeli expert on terrorism from Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies.

"The result is the soldiers are pushed into a corner and don't feel secure enough when they are faced with tens or hundreds of rioters," Merari told the Associated Press. "Their response then tends to deteriorate. They open fire."

But Palestinians said the more brutal tactics were a matter of Army policy. "After the successful hang-glider attack in the north, the military establishment has been seeking a way to reaffirm its credibility," said Elias Zananiri, managing editor of the weekly English-language Al Awdah magazine.

Attack  
He referred to a Nov 25 attack in which an Arab commando infiltrated northern Israel from Lebanon and killed six soldiers before being killed himself. The Army took legal steps against two soldiers it said had not acted properly and transferred a base commander.

Shamir, who blamed Syria for the attack, later said the supervisors had urged Israel not to strike back. Other officials said Americans didn't want an Israeli military action in Lebanon to disrupt the US-Soviet summit held in Washington earlier this month.

## Beirut's Martyrs' Square in ruins

By Peter Smerdon

BEIRUT (Reuters) In the ruined heartland of Lebanon's capital, 17-year-old Elias put his US-made M-14 rifle to one side and squinted at the faded postcard of Beirut. He peered for several minutes before smiling.

"It's the Rivoli Cinema," the militiaman said quietly, awed by the postcard view of Martyrs' Square in 1960s peace with its busy shops, open-air cafes, traffic jams and lush palm trees.

A full in one sector of the combat which has for so long racked his country gave Elias a chance to look around.

"And there it still is," he shouted triumphantly but mistakenly, pointing not at the now-charred picture palace at the other end of the square but at the shell-blasted Nadi Al Shark office building.

Elias, five-years-old when Lebanon's civil war started, could no longer recognise the landmarks of Martyrs' Square.

Fame  
Once the traditional centre of Lebanon's cosmopolitan life, the Ottoman-style square is now home only to rats, a few cats, fewer birds and young guards from the Christian Lebanese Forces (LF) militia.

But in the minds of many older residents, the square at the seaside end of the five-mile (eight-km) "Green Line" battle zone dividing Beirut since 1975, remains the heart and soul of their capital.

Elias never visited the Rivoli before stirrings of war cut short its screenings, closed bars, offices and brothels and blew out the glitzy neon advertising signs. "It's fame was our greatness," said a former resident, who abandoned his barbers' shop in the square. "Thousands from all over the world came there. But

who would want to go there now?"

Named after 16 rebels against Ottoman rule who were hanged there on May 6, 1916, the square by day thrived as Beirut's business centre and each night as a famed rendezvous.

But then the war arrived. With Syrian troops and pro-Syrian Amal militiamen dug in on its southwest corner, it is now an arena for Muslim and Christian snipers even in a period of relative calm.

All six LF guards were finally needed to locate, with much shouted argument, where the downtown's wrecked landmarks lay.

"It's changed a lot, hasn't it," Elias said.

The colour postcards of the square remain on sale in a few Beirut shops because tourists vanished as fast as peace did.

The Rivoli still stands but, like all its neighbours, every inch of its facade has been pounded by the square's Lebanese Christian, Lebanese Muslim, Syrian and Palestinian conquerors.

The shops and cafes are dusty, shell-blasted caverns, the offices and hotels ransacked edifices, the road is smothered by barricades and the palms have been pruned to stumps by years of flying gun-fire.

Attack  
Still dominating the square is the graceful Ottoman-built gendarmarie, but it is a skeleton smashed by rocket and shell. In front is a bronze bullet-riddled statue of a woman holding a flaming torch aloft as she shields a young man.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1688 — William of Orange enters London.
- 1793 — Napoleon Bonaparte takes Toulon.
- 1795 — Austria signs armistice with France.
- 1842 — United States recognises independence of Hawaii.
- 1885 — German dispute with Spain over Caroline Islands in Pacific is settled in favour of Spain.
- 1902 — Germany, Britain and Italy blockade Venezuela.
- 1909 — Civil war starts in Honduras.
- 1915 — British troops begin withdrawal from Suva and Anzac in Gallipoli in World War I.
- 1941 — German dictator Adolf Hitler faces military setbacks in World War II, dismisses his chief of staff and takes personal command of German Army.
- 1946 — War breaks out in Indochina as troops under Ho Chi Minh launch widespread attacks against French.
- 1961 — Goa and two other Portuguese enclaves on India's west coast fall to Indian invaders.
- 1962 — Senegal's President Leopold Senghor takes charge of government in Dakar after ouster of the West African nation's premier.
- 1971 — Pakistan's President Agha Mohammed Yahya Khan quits office after military defeat in fighting with India in East Pakistan.
- 1972 — US Apollo 17 spacecraft splashes down on target in Pacific Ocean, windup of US Apollo programme of landing men on moon.
- 1985 — Muslim gunmen kidnap 10 Christians in Beirut, Lebanon, stepping up campaign of terror.
- 1986 — Kremlin says it has freed dissident Andrei Sakharov from internal exile and pardoned his wife so they can return to Moscow from closed city of Gorky.

### By John Owen-Davies

ANKARA. (Reuters) Backed by the credentials of the most open elections since its 1980 Army coup, Turkey is courting the early embrace of the European Economic Community (EEC) to cement its new-found democracy.

And it supports its suit with a warning that if Brussels spurns Ankara, the consequences could be bitter.

Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, returned to office last month, has made entry into the community a major goal to ensure Turkish stability in a volatile region.

And President Kenan Evren told the new parliament on Monday that Turkey believed it could provide the community with significant political, economic and cultural dimensions.

But Ankara's application last April stirred a hornets' nest of EEC objections over issues ranging from Turkey's human rights and democratic records to its Muslim identity.

Community commission president Jacques Delors has said that he personally does not favour Turkish membership on political and economic grounds.

Unaccepted  
Turkey, straddling Europe and Asia, is believed to be aiming for entry within six years. "Some people see entry by 2000 but we find this unacceptable," an official Turkish source said.

"If Europe rejects us it will have very serious implications difficult to foresee at present ... but big (development) projects would not go to Europeans, Arab capital would come in and we would turn more to Japan and China."

"Rejection will also give additional power to fanatical powers in the region," he added. Turkey, a member of the Nato alliance and an EEC associate since 1963, borders Iran, Iraq, the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Syria and EEC member Greece, with which it has been at odds.

Even told parliament that integration of secular Turkey would be the natural outcome of its westernisation efforts over the decades.

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The EEC's northern European members do not want the balance to tip further to less-developed southern European states following the membership of Greece, Spain and Portugal.

Aware of the need for quick development, Ozal has freed the

economy and launched a big development programme, even in remote areas where lifestyles are more Asian than European. It has made Turkey a more attractive market for EEC firms seeking development and other contracts.

Turkish officials brush aside EEC fears that their country will be a financial burden and say its industry, including textiles, petrochemicals, iron and steel, will be competitive.

Commission officials had initial talks in Turkey last week prior to drawing up a report. Commission sources in Brussels say there is no time limit for the report's completion.

"Just because the Turkish government has formally asked, it is not a question of ... becoming or not becoming a member," one commission source said. "It is going to be a very long process."

Relations between the community and Turkey, which broke off in 1980 after the 1980 military takeover, the third in 20 years, when Brussels froze the joint association. Political contacts resumed in September 1986.

Most political criticism of Turkey has come from the European parliament in Strasbourg, which recently acquired new powers that would allow it to reject Turkey's application.

The parliament called last month for two Turkish communists who had returned to Ankara to be freed from detention. Since then, they have been formally arrested.

Although communism has been banned in Turkey since 1924, Evren has indicated that Euro-communism may be accepted in time, in line with EEC countries.

Turkey sees neighbouring Greece as another major obstacle to its community membership drive. The two countries came to the brink of armed conflict over rights in the Aegean last March but there are signs now that a rapprochement is in the offing.

### Western navies impotent in the Gulf

## Tanker war reaches new heights

By James Foley

DUBAI. (Reuters) One of the largest US warships in the Gulf stood by on Thursday as Iranian gunboats raked a merchant ship with cannon fire after setting it ablaze in an attack earlier in the day, shipping sources said.

The 1,400-ton destroyer Chandler was prevented by the Pentagon's rules of engagement from protecting the burning craft because it did not fly the American flag.

The Iranian attack under the nose of the destroyer demonstrated the impotence of some 80 Western warships deployed in or near the waterway to stop the tanker war.

Shipping sources say the frequency and severity of attacks have actually increased since the US and West European navies surged into the waterway since July to protect freedom of navigation.

Many people in merchant shipping circles in the Gulf now express open contempt for the failure of the navies to defend ships other than their own national carriers.

The Chandler is the world's largest lifeboat," said one, a reference to the fact that while it rescued sailors aboard an attacked Greek vessel last week, it does nothing to head off assaults on non-American ships or punish attackers.

hovered near, the 9,714-tonne Maldives-registered Island Transporter, set alight by Iranian Revolutionary Guards firing rocket grenades.

The Guards returned several hours later to raze the vessel with cannon fire as the Chandler, which patrols off Dubai in the favoured area for Iranian attacks, loitered nearby.

The Iranians also fired a helicopter carrying a camera crew and correspondent from the American television network CBS but failed to hit it.

"They were firing directly at us. Shells were landing in the sea below us," said correspondent Allen Pizzev, adding that his pilot took drastic evasive action and warned the Chandler that he was taking fire.

"The Chandler said 'Okay, where are they and keep us informed,'" Pizzev added.

There were no casualties in the attacks and the Island Transporter was later taken under tow towards Dubai. The crew were taken off by tug.

On Saturday, the destroyer lifted 11 crewmen from the Greek tanker Pivov, set alight like Thursday's victim of Abu Musa Island, a Revolutionary Guards Navy base near here.

Thursday's attacks by Iran followed a spate of Iraqi strikes on Iranian shipping over the past days. Tehran Radio on Thursday accused the US Navy in the Gulf of jamming Iraqi coastal radar to help protect Iraqi planes when they raid ships along the Iranian coastline.

Shipping sources said three to five crewmen aboard the 27,244-tonne Cyprot bulk carrier Mini M were injured when it was hit by an Iraqi missile near Iran's Bushire port.

Another missile hit the 28,776-tonne Iranian tanker Taffan but damage was slight, and there were no injuries, the sources said.

The increased success of Iraqi attacks have sparked the Iranians, who operate a tit-for-tat retaliatory policy for every Iranian ship attacked, to hammer merchant vessels.

They cannot attack Iraqi tankers because Baghdad exports its oil by pipeline across Turkey and Saudi Arabia.

Attack  
So they go for ships associated with Iraq's two main supporters in the Gulf, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. The Island Transporter was carrying Saudi sulphur to India.

EVENTS

TV CORNER

Too many sports shows

MUCH to the disappointment of many TV viewers, sports is now getting top priority on KTV 2. Local football matches are shown time and again in addition to three permanent sports features — Big League Soccer, shifted from Fridays to Saturdays; ninety minutes of American Basketball at prime viewing time of 8.40 on Mondays and a three-hour action-packed Sports Studio on Fridays. This is just a bit too much for many viewers.

This week's movie bonanza starts with Kung Fu, a 1972 made-for-TV movie is tonight's feature film on Channel 2. David Carradine, Barry Sullivan, Keith Carradine and Victor Sen Yung star in this tale of a young Buddhist monk who flees mainland China after he is accused of murder and comes to the American West.

Carradine resurrected the role 14 years later in Kung Fu: the movie. One of the two versions will be shown by KTV.

Woody Allen plays a school in Tuesday's Cine Club movie The Front, directed by Martin Ritt in 1976. Allen is enlisted by blacklisted writers to put his name on their scripts during 1950s witch-hunt era, leading to various complications. Original script was by blacklisted Walter Bernstein, Martin Ritt, Herschel Bernardi, Zero Mostel and Joshua Shelly, who are featured in the film. Many Cine Club viewers have complained about the absence of Hindi films on this programme. Cine Club presenter Farouk Abdul Aziz plans to show two Indian films — Genesis and Khanda, both Miral Sen, in the next season.

beginning in January.

Movie entertainment concludes with Thursday's Late Night Movie Zandy's Bride. Swede Jan Torell directs Gene Hackman and Liv Ullman in Zandy's Bride. Also known as For Better, For Worse, it tells the tepid tale of mailorder bride and her pioneer husband, played by Hackman, who treats his wife as a mere property until hardship teaches them mutual respect.

Two weeks ago, KTV 1 had announced the showing of a Hindi film, Mr. Natwarlal, on Friday afternoon. That week the film was, as usual, not shown. This week, the programmers have again listed the movie, scheduled for transmitting on Friday at 4 pm. If all goes well, you can see Amitabh Bachchan as Natwarlal with Rekha providing the romance.



Woody Allen stars in The Front.

This week on KTV 2



In a typical episode, Adderly is sent to baby-sit a deposed queen in Monday's episode.

Webster tries to break the curse of the "Chain Letters." 8.00 News in English 8.40 American Basketball 10.00 Adderly: "Adderly's assignment is to protect a dethroned queen and her pets — dogs. Everything that can go wrong goes wrong before Adderly becomes a hero again." 11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

**MONDAY**  
6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Paw Paws: "Tozen Termi-Nation." Cartoons  
6.30 The Animal Express: a visit to the aquarium in Miami.  
7.00 Rolling Report: roundup of world news  
7.30 Webster: "Chained."

6.30 The New Animal World: a look at a rare species of lions inhabiting the mountainous region of North America.  
7.00 For the Record: "Change of Place." A farmer's family is forced to leave their ranch after the father's death.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 You and the Law  
8.50 Bridges to Cross: "Memories of Molly." An oil company is under investigation.  
9.30 Mary: "And the Winner is..." Mary wins an award for writing an article in a fashion magazine.  
10.00 Cine Club: "The Front." Woody Allen is a school enlisting by black-

listed writers to put his name on their scripts during the 1950s witch-hunt era.

**WEDNESDAY**  
6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Mickey and Donald: cartoons  
6.30 Charles in Charge: "Another Saturday Night." Charles redefines his friendship with his girlfriend.  
7.00 Chronicle: "The Gold of Thracian." Documentary.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Wizard: "Never Give Up." Drug pushers take over an Indian village.  
9.30 The World We Live In: "Animal War, Animal Peace."  
10.00 Sledge Hammer: "Haven't Gun, Will Travel." A group of burglars plan to steal Hammer's gun.  
10.30 Falcon Crest: "The Cradle Will Fall." Richard Channing plans a rescue operation to free his kidnapped infant son; Chase is taken prisoner in Oklahoma and Lance seeks his father's help to solve his marriage problems.  
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

**THURSDAY**  
6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Voltron: "The Secret of the White Lion." Cartoons.

6.30 The Electric Company  
7.00 Fairy Tale Theatre: "Rapunzel."  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Max Headroom: "War." Network 23 is used by a gang to blackmail people.  
9.30 P.M. Magazine: "Animals." A look at lion taming; training dogs to help the blind; sharks, whales and gorillas.  
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Zandy's Bride." (1974) Starring: Liv Ullman, Gene Hackman. Tepid romance of a mail-order bride and her pioneer husband. The film is also known as For Better, For Worse.  
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

**FRIDAY**  
2.00 Holy Quran  
2.10 Cartoons  
2.30 Sports Studio: local sporting events; football and other matches.  
7.00 Zorro: cartoons  
7.30 Side Kicks: "Just for Kicks." Arnie joins a soccer club.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Breaking Away: a local programme, hosted by Basma Al Rayyes.  
8.40: Programme has not been announced.  
9.30 Weekend: local programme  
10.00 What A Country: "Chicken A La Prince." Mr. Brown convinces Mobutu that it is not undignified to work.  
10.30 Crime Story: "Fatal Crossroads." After the court postpones a case hearing, the gang moves to Las Vegas to renew their operation.  
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

2.15 Holy Quran  
2.25 World News via Satellite  
3.20 Hakim Al Aqzam: cartoon serial  
4.00 News Summary  
4.05 Magazine D'Actualite  
4.25 La Ilahe Illallah: historical serial. Starring Abdullah Al Ghaith, Imaan Toqi, Ahmad Abdul Aziz, Ahmad Badr  
5.30 Al Manahil: programme for children  
6.00 Rahlal Istakshafiya: "Expeditions". Educational  
7.00 News Summary  
7.05 Noor Al Islam: "The Rights of Man in Islam". Guests are Dr Ismael Ibrahim Badawi, Dr Mustafa Mohammad Arjawi. Hosted by Ahmed Abdul Qadir  
7.35 Nazrat Alal Alam: documentary  
7.45 Security and Citizens  
8.20 Good Evening and Local News  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.05 Ghaddan Tadaq Al Ajras: daily serial featuring Salah Saadani, Hina Tharwath, Mohammad Al Arabi  
11.00 Variety Show featuring the Music Festival



Tonight's feature film is Kung Fu, at 10.30 pm on KTV 2.

6.40 ALF: "Pennsylvania 6-500". Alf tells the US President to prevent a nuclear war.  
7.10 Tomorrow-Today: computer education at schools; interview and reports on scientific advances.  
7.35 Red Serge: "The School Ma'am". Lily teaches English to Red Indian children.  
8.00 News in English  
8.45 Italian Soccer  
9.40 Hunter: police thriller  
10.30 Made-for-TV Movie: "Kung Fu".

KTV 2

3.30 Holy Quran  
3.40 Cartoons  
4.00 13th Asian Boxing Championship: The opening of the boxing championship will be shown live from Kuwait Handball Federation Hall  
5.10 A programme for young viewers  
6.10 Thundercats: "Return to the Drifter". Cartoon story for children

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

Morning  
08.00 Opening  
08.02 Songs and Music  
08.30 News  
08.40 Songs and Music  
08.45 Daily Programme  
09.00 Cultural Horizon  
09.30 Reggae Today  
10.00 Our Press Today  
10.05 Songs and Music  
10.30 The Years of Pops  
11.00 News on the FM Service  
Evening  
21.00 Opening  
21.02 Kuwait Our Beloved Homeland  
21.30 News  
21.45 Point of View  
21.55 Songs and Music  
22.00 Kuwait in a Week  
22.15 Rock On  
22.45 Daily Programme  
23.00 Strictly Romantic  
23.30 Amazing Facts  
24.00 Closedown.

FM Services

08.00-08.30 Easy listening  
08.30-09.00 News  
09.00-09.30 Easy listening  
09.30-10.00 Songs and Music  
10.00-10.30 Easy listening  
10.30-11.00 News  
11.00-11.30 Easy listening  
11.30-12.00 Classical music

Urdu

16.00-17.00 Easy listening  
17.00-18.00 Spanish hour  
18.00-21.00 Pops  
21.30-21.45 News  
21.45-22.00 Pops  
22.00-23.00 The Indian classical hour  
23.00-24.00 Easy listening  
24.00-02.00 Instrumental listening

BBC World Services

0800 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Radio Newsworld  
30 Personal View  
45 Recording of The Week  
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook  
30 They Sold a Million  
45 Nature Notebook  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review

15 Network UK  
30 People and Politics  
0200 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The World Today  
30 Business Matters  
0400 Newsweek  
30 Here's Humph! 45 Reflections  
50 Financial News  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Personal View  
45 The World Today  
0600 Newsday  
30 Meridian  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 From the Weeklies  
45 Network UK  
0800 World News  
09 Reflections  
15 A Jolly Good Show  
0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 The World Today  
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup  
45 Personal View  
1000 News Summary followed by Here's Humph!  
15 Letter from America  
30 People and Politics  
1100 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The A-Z of Hollywood  
30 Meridian  
1200 Radio Newsworld  
15 Multitrack 3  
45 Letter Roundup  
1300 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Network UK  
45 Good Books

KTV 1 weekly highlights

**SUNDAY**  
4.25 La Ilahe Illallah: historical serial. Starring: Yusuf Shabban, Raghad, Hala Fakher. Part 3.  
7.05 Al Kasshaf: "Al Nimr Al Haddari", hosted by Abdul Aziz Al Haddad.  
10.50 Dabrat Al Ahdath: Kamil Abdul Jalil discusses "Water Supply". Guests are Faisal Yusuf Al Munsif, Abdullah Mohammad Al Munayyes, Sadeq Ahmad Bu-Hamad, Khalid Humoud Al Farhoud.  
**MONDAY**  
3.30 Hakim Al Aqzam: new cartoon serial  
5.30 Manna Aulisa and Children: a weekly show for young viewers.  
7.30 Quran and Science: hosted by Dr Ahmad Shawki Ibrahim.  
9.50 Ghaddan Tadaq Al Ajras: daily serial, starring Salah Saadani, Hina Tharwath, Mohammad Al Arabi.  
10.50 Qalb Min Zajaj: Part One. Starring: Huda Hussein, Jassim Nabhan, Ahmad Salch, Aisha Ibrahim, Ibrahim Harbi. Drama.

for young viewers, teaching Arabic language. Ahmad Qawadi, Amal Al Dabbas and Tayseer Attiya appear in this half-hour show.  
10.50 Bidoun Montage: a local show hosted by Mubarak Al Ameer. Guests are Ibrahim Al Shatti, director of Amiri Diwan; Dr Latifa Al Rujab, undersecretary, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.



Rekha co-stars in Natwarlal, Friday's Hindi film.



Roger Moore in The Persuaders, on Thursday.

Jeeb Al Shiyook and Rabiya Schools  
10.05 Ayyam Alilab: weekly feature show featuring Sadoun Jaber, Ahmad Ghanem Ronzi, Amal Arafah, Marwan Adham.

**THURSDAY**  
9.40 Walt Disney: English feature film for children.  
12.00 Ali Al Zameeq: featuring Farouk Fishawi, Huda Sultan, Abu Bakr Ezzai and Laila Fawzi.  
4.35 The Persuaders: English series starring Roger Moore and Tony Curtis.  
7.30 Rahlal Fi Alam Majnoon: Arabic serial starring Samir Ghanim and Issad Yunis.

10.00 Al Awham: Arabic feature film. Starring: Mustafa Fahmi, Iham Shahin, Hatem Zulfar, Mohsin Sarhan Drama.

**FRIDAY**  
10.20 Children's Magazine: a show for children presented by children.  
4.00 Hindi film: Mr. Natwarlal. Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Rekha.  
7.45 A Seminar on Kuwait: Part One. Presented by the Education Ministry.  
10.50 Liqa'a: Arabic play, starring Shweikar, Samah Anwar, Hussein Sharbini, Raja Al Jedawi. Directed by Raed Labib.

WHAT'S ON

**ARTS**  
**Free Atelier**  
Over 90 paintings by Palestinian artist Mohammad Bounaq are on show at the Free Atelier Gallery, Arabian Gulf St. The show has been organised by the Kuwait Society for Formative Arts. Open daily from 8.30 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, until Dec. 22.  
**Sultan Gallery**  
Exhibition of Prisse D'Avennes 'L'Art Arabe' (1877), open daily except Friday, 9 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, at the Sultan Gallery, Al Sout St.

SOCIAL

**Malayalee Drama**  
Vishwabharati Theatre, Abbasia, will present a Malayalee Drama, written by Thomas Percumpilly, on Dec 25, at the Indian Embassy auditorium.

**ASK Alumni Dinner**  
Friends and graduates of the American School, Kuwait, will

FILMS

**Indian Film Festival**  
Akaler Sandhanay (In Search of a Famine) will be shown at 7.30 pm tonight at the auditorium of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Its director Miral Sen will attend the opening to tonight's festival. Children are not admitted. The festival has been organised by the Cine Club.

HOTELS

**At the Holiday Inn**  
Pastries, stollens and logs for the festive season and New Year are available at the Lobby Lounge. Lunch featuring seasonal food will be offered at the Coffee Shop, Al Dana and Al Andalus. For details contact the hotel.

**At the Sheraton**  
Al Hambra features a special buffet lunch on Dec 25. Hunt Room will offer lunch and dinner buffet and a la carte; music by the Paradise Trio. A selection of set menus will be offered for dinner on Dec 24 and 25. Le Tarbouche features special lunch and dinner buffets.

CINEMA

**Al Andalus**  
Born American  
Starring: Mike Norris, Steve Durham

**Al Sahmiya**  
Ruthless People  
Starring: Danny De Vito

**Al Hamra**  
Angry Young Man

**Drive-In**  
Jara Al Wuhoosh (Arabic)  
Starring: Noor Al Sharif, Noora, Hussein Fahmi, Mahmoud Abdul Aziz

**Al Firdous**  
Anjaam (Hindi)  
Starring: Shashi Kapoor, Hema Malini

**Fahaeel Oper-Air**  
Aadmi (Hindi)  
Starring: Dilip Kumar

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PRAYERS

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Nec Allenkil Jaan (Malayalam)  
**Al Jahra**  
Pray for Death  
**Granada**  
Choose Me  
**Sulaibikhat**  
Be'ar Khayanah (Arabic)  
**Al Jleeb**  
Neelankurunjii Poothappol (Malayalam)  
**Ahmadi Drive-In**  
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**PRAYERS**  
Fajr 5.13 am  
Zuhr 11.45  
Asr 2.35 pm  
Maghreb 4.54  
Isha 6.16

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FILE photo of a Soviet SS-20 intermediate range missile which appeared in Thursday's edition of Pravda. The SS-20 missiles are to be dismantled as part of the INF Treaty signed December 8 in Washington. (Reuters radiophoto)



RULING party presidential candidate Roh Tae Woo waves as he leaves his house this morning after victory in Wednesday's presidential election in South Korea. (Reuters radiophoto)



A DOWNCAST Michael Deaver (right), former top White House aide talks with reporters after being convicted on Wednesday of perjury. His attorney, Herbert Miller, stands by his side. (Reuters radiophoto)



COMMUTERS faced a long wait for trains in towns around Tokyo on Thursday when services were halted by a strong earthquake in central Japan. Picture right: A woman picks up bottles of Japanese sake thrown from shelves at a shop in Chiba, Japan, by the quake. (Reuters radiophoto)



CZECH Communist party leader, Gustav Husak (right) is seen in East Berlin on December 11 signing the Warsaw Pact agreement with INF treaty. Husak resigned on Thursday as party leader and was replaced by Milos Jakes. Also in the photo is Czech Foreign Minister Bohuslav Chmoupek (left). (Reuters radiophoto)



THIS combo shows the many faces of Gary Hart as he explains his reasons for returning to the presidential race during a news conference at Denver's Stapleton International Airport on Thursday. (Reuters radiophoto)



WEST GERMANY'S national soccer team midfielder Olaf Thon (right) falls as Argentine goalkeeper Nery Pumpido catches the ball preventing him from scoring, as Argentine midfielder Roberto Sensi is caught between them, during a friendly international match played in Buenos Aires on Wednesday. Argentina beat West Germany 1-0. (Reuters radiophoto)



SUDAN'S Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi talks at a news conference in Amman. He said his government had held secret talks in London this month with representatives of the rebel army fighting in southern Sudan. He said only foreign interference was blocking peace. (Reuters radiophoto)



A RECENT photo of Luciano Liggio (left) and Michele Greco in the courthouse during the Mafia trial in Palermo, Sicily. The court sentenced Greco to life imprisonment for a murder, while Liggio was acquitted. Liggio still remains in jail for the murder of a Mafia rival, for which he was jailed in 1974. (Reuters radiophoto)



"PLAY your own summit and have fun" guarantees "Drastic Plastic" a Hamburg dealer for pop antiques that offers these two speaking puppets of Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev a week before Christmas. (Reuters radiophoto)



CHARLES SIN tells reporters he would not run the exchange as a dictator during his first press conference on Thursday after he took over the post as the Chairman of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong on Wednesday. (Reuters radiophoto)



PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein (right) receives Yasser Arafat (centre) in his office in Baghdad on Thursday. (Reuters radiophoto)



TWO of St James' Park pelicans chat it up near a lake in the park. Lord Stodart of the House of Lords said that the pelicans have not laid an egg since the time of James I and that the park relied more on the generosity of the Amir of Bahawalpur and the pelican breeders of Louisiana and Texas than it did on nature. (Reuters radiophoto)

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Kaufman to leave Salomon Brothers

NEW YORK, Dec 18, (Reuters): Henry Kaufman, the economist known as Dr Doom because of his gloomy, market-moving forecasts, will leave Salomon Brothers next year after 26 years, the leading investment banking house said on Wednesday.

Kaufman, 60, was a major influence on the financial markets, particularly during the late 1970s and early 1980s when high inflation and interest rates were great weights on the US economy.

"I hope some people will remember me for having recognised major structural changes in the marketplace over a period of time and what their significance has been," Kaufman told Reuters.

### Rise

His rise as a well-known pundit paralleled the growth of Salomon into the most powerful investment banking firm on Wall Street. Although his influence within his own firm waned last year as a shakeup removed him from the executive board, he dismissed rumours that he was eased out.

"All my partners and associates wanted me to stay," he said.

Although some economists and financial analysts say Kaufman has been slow to spot the market's big turns during the past five years, Kaufman himself said he is pleased with his record.

"When you span a whole period of time you have to recognise there are no perfects in anything, but I will leave my forecasting record to history," he said. "Personally I think I find an element of satisfaction in it."

The Kaufman announcement came amid a quickening of top level personnel shifts on Wall Street in the aftermath of the October crash.

**Oman oil earnings rise**  
MUSCAT, Dec 18, (Reuters): Oman's oil sales earned 313 million rials (\$812 million) in the third quarter of the year, 82 per cent of its total export earnings and a rise of 32 million rials (\$83 million) from the second quarter, the Oman news agency said yesterday.

The non-Opec Gulf state has a self-imposed production limit of 565,000 barrels per day (bpd) and set a 1987 oil income target of 1.1 billion rials (\$2.9 billion). It has earned 861 million rials (\$2.2 billion) in the first nine months.

**Exports**  
Oman's total third quarter earnings from all exports were 382.2 million rials (\$993 million), up by 46.6 million rials (\$121 million) from the second quarter. Oil revenue was 281 million rials (\$730 million) in the April-June period.

Oman had a record 666 million rial (\$1.7 billion) budget deficit last year. The government forecasts a 275 million rial (\$714 million) deficit for 1987.

Planners expect the economy to grow at 2.5 per cent a year until the end of 1990.

**Urging**  
That should be good news for the United States, which has been urging Japan to turn its attention away from exports towards supplying its domestic market.

The shift would help cut Japan's trade surplus but not by enough to satisfy its trade partners, the economists said.

Analysts said economic growth will boom next year because of expansionary government policies, stepped-up spending on plant and equipment by Japanese companies and continued strong consumer demand.

Nakakita expects the economy to grow a rosy 4.3 per cent in the fiscal year beginning next April. Forecasts of eight other

## Government can weather stock market crash

# US economy booming in third quarter

WASHINGTON, Dec 18, (Reuters): The US economy grew at a robust annual rate of 4.3 per cent between July and September, the government said yesterday, bolstering confidence it could weather October's stock market collapse and keep expanding in 1988.

In its second and final revision of third-quarter Gross National Product (GNP) figures, the Commerce Department revised up its estimate of quarterly expansion from an earlier 4.1 per cent because of strong consumer and government spending.

**Strongest**  
Allen Sinai, senior vice-president of Shearson Lehman Bros Inc in New York, said it was the strongest report on the economy in two years and predicted further growth at a 2.5 per cent-to-three per cent rate in the final three months.

"The economy was on a roll in the third quarter," Sinai said, "as of now, no full-fledged recession should be expected in 1988."

Sinai forecast real GNP growth in 1988 of 2.2 per cent.

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**Encouraged**  
But analysts were encouraged by the growth in exports, attributing it to a better US competitive position from a weaker dollar, and said part of the import increase occurred because of a temporary surge in imported oil that has now abated.

"This is a firm indication that the dollar's slide is benefiting our export industries and that business is expanding to meet the increased demand," said Richard Rahn, chief economist

for the US Chamber of Commerce. Corporate profits also were swelled more than originally thought during the third quarter.

Profits of US corporations, after six payments, rose a revised \$7.4 billion, or 5.5 per cent, between July and September to an annual rate of \$141.9 billion.

The profits gain was revised up from last month's estimate of 5.2 per cent and was stronger than the second-quarter increase of 4.3 per cent.

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A further sum of more than \$14 million would be contributed by state governments, the central bank, government agencies and the private sector.

The insurance programme launch coincides with the inauguration of the national small farmers credit scheme.

Babangida said the government was considering a comprehensive agricultural credit policy under which adequate funds would be made available for the agricultural sector at the right time at rates which would promise attractive returns.

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## World Business Summary

# Kuwaitis invited to invest in Finland

FINLAND has invited Kuwaiti investors to take part in highly specialised technical fields such as metal engineering and telecommunications and explore other potentials of joint ventures in that country. In an exclusive interview with Kuna in Kuwait on Thursday a senior Finnish official said before his departure that Finland was a "highly developed country" and the potential for investment there "is very good". The deputy director general of the Finnish Foreign Ministry Alec Aalto, who signed here on Thursday a protocol between Kuwait and his country on economic, industrial and technical cooperation, said that besides promoting trade between these two friendly countries, his government was looking forward to Kuwaiti investments in sophisticated industrial fields to the best advantage of both sides.

He said he held wide-ranging talks with Kuwaiti officials on commercial and industrial cooperation between the two countries and added that the protocol signed here, although touched upon these matters but it was up to the Kuwaiti industrialists and investors to put substance into it.

Aalto, who had arrived here on Monday after concluding similar tour to the UAE, said that Kuwait has presented to his country a draft agreement for cooperation in the field of transportation which his government was actively considering.

He expressed optimism over the prospects of further promoting trade between his country and Kuwait. He said the fourth meeting of officials and businessmen from Kuwait and Finland is due to take place in Helsinki in near future to discuss a wide range of issues relating to bilateral economic cooperation between the two countries.

# Bonn little affected by stock market crash

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Dec 18, (Reuters): October's stock market crash and a recent 11 per cent drop in the value of the dollar have had little effect so far on the West German economy, the Bundesbank said yesterday. The Central Bank's latest monthly report said it was still difficult to judge the effects of the turmoil and that financial markets remained nervous.

"But a series of factors argues in favour of the view that the negative effects on the West German economy will probably remain within bounds," it said. The West German economy is Western Europe's biggest. Economists say that its health and accelerated expansion are important if the financial crash of 1987 is not to herald a global slump. The Bundesbank also said that economic developments in other countries, not least the United States, had also turned out more positive than was at first feared after the crash.

"As far as private consumption, the most important support of domestic demand, is concerned, these events scarcely give any reason to expect a noticeable restriction of the (West German) growth that had originally been expected," it said.

# Norway faces problems with next year's budget

OSLO, Dec 18, (Reuters): Norway's government has won approval for a high-spending 1988 budget despite warnings from economic advisers and opposition parties that it risks inflating the budget deficit.

## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

**LONDON**

(Alpha Stocks)			
NAME	LAST		
ABBEY LIFE	225/0	JAGUAR	300/0
ALD LYONS	350/0	LADBROKE	344/0
ANSTADT	113/0	LAND SECS	467/0
ARGYLE GP	198/0	LAPORTE	375/0
ASDA MFI	166/0	LASCO	350/0
A F FOODS	503/6	LEGAL-GEN	263/0
BP	99/0	LYDDIS BK	235/0
BTR	28/4	LOWRHO	232/0
BAT IND	444/0	LUCAS IND	542/0
BARCLAYS	438/0	MAGNET	240/0
BASS	819/4	MARSH+SP	185/0
BEAZER	170/0	MAXWELL C	231/0
BEECHAMS	462/0	METAL BOX	197/0
BET ORD	220/0	MEPC	445/0
SICC PLC	317/6	MIDLAND BK	372/0
BLUE ARROW	95/0	NEXT	288/0
BLUE CIRC	325/0	NTH FOODS	245/0
BOC GP	385/0	P & O DFD	500/0
BOOTS CO	240/0	PEARL	358/0
BRB INDS	250/0	PEARSON	680/0
BP COM	321/0	PILKINGTON	15.78
BR AIRWAY	157/0	PLESSEY	154/0
BR AEROSP	331/0	PRUDENTIAL	800/0
BR GAS PP	124/0	RACAL	257/0
B.P.	237/0	RANK HVIS	302/0
B.P.-NEW	721/4	RANK ORG	563/0
BR TELCOM	222/0	RICKITT+CO	780/0
BR TOIIL	422/0	REDLAND	433/0
BURNABY	170/0	REED	404/0
BURMAN OL	420/0	RYL BK SC	330/0
BURTON	225/0	RMC GRP	424/0
CABLESWIR	326/4	REUTERS	462/0
CADBURYS	255/0	RTZ CORP.	335/0
COATS VLY	282/0	ROLLS ROY	119/6
COBALT INT	364/0	ROTHMAN B	373/0
CONS GOLD	205/0	ROWNTREE	430/0
COOKSONS	522/0	ROYAL INS	395/4
COURTAULD	349/0	SATCHI	440/0
DALE CETY	293/0	SAINSBURY	223/0
DEE GP	228/4	SCOT+NEW	226/0
DIXONS	195/0	SEARS	126/4
ENG CHINA	397/0	SEDMERGEC	218/0
ENTER OIL	245/0	SHELL	985/0
FERRANTI	85/0	SMITH+MEPH	130/0
FISONS	250/0	STD.CHART	490/0
GEN ACCID	853/0	STC	235/0
GEN ELEC	160/0	STORENSE	268/0
GLAXO	000/0	SUN ALLIA	860/0
GRANADA	288/0	TARMAC	235/0
GLOBE	130/0	TATE&LTYE	725/0
GRAND MET	429/0	TESCO	156/0
GUS A	105/0	THORN EMI	542/0
GUARD RYL	867/0	TRAF HSE	321/0
GKN	310/0	TSR	108/0
GUINNESS	300/2	T+H	180/0
HMWSEN A	525/0	TRUTHSEE	230/0
HANSON	135/0	ULTRAMAR	172/0
HUKER SID	464/0	UNIFEVER	520/0
HAWLEY	103/0	UNIGATE	287/0
HILLSDALE	270/0	UTD BISC	257/0
		UTD ESPR	423/0
		WELLCOME	382/0
		WINTARD IN	287/0
		WILLIS FB	262/0
		WOOLWORT	245/0

## LONDON

(Beta Stocks)			
NAME	CLOSE	OPEN	
A.B. ELECT	317/0	315/0	
APV PLC	124/0	125/0	
AARHOSON	116/0	116/0	
ARNI HDG	305/0	306/0	
ACATOS-HST	97/0	98/0	
ADRISSON G	266/0	266/0	
ADVEST Q	138/0	136/0	
ATLSA	157/0	155/0	
ALIFE WRMK	757/0	750/0	
ALLIANCE	115/0	114/0	
ALLD COLL	42/0	42/0	
ALLD PLAN	132/0	131/0	
AMAT PLC	300/0	297/0	
AMR TRUS	109/0	107/0	
AMERSHAM	430/0	430/0	
ANGLIA TV	310/0	308/0	
U-SPACH I	72/0	71/0	
U-SPACH II	328/0	325/0	
APPLEYARD	335/0	328/0	
APRICOT	92/0	91/0	
ARMSTRONG	339/0	136/0	
ANGLO OF S	356/0	353/0	
ASCUTUM	275/0	270/0	
ASHLEY L	118/0	117/0	
AUTO SEC	620/0	610/0	
AUTIS RSC	253/0	254/0	
AVIATION	210/0	209/0	
B&B RUBB	88/0	86/0	
BSS Q	144/0	142/0	
BSS INTL	67/0	66/0	
BAILL JAP	369/0	370/0	
BANKER IT	63/0	63/0	
BK OF SC	504/0	504/0	
BK BARDO	153/0	150/0	
BARRT DEV	183/0	181/0	
B. JENNIFIL	137/0	136/0	
BEJAM Q	179/0	180/0	
BEILHAVEN	40/0	40/0	
BELLWAY	175/0	175/0	
BENROUSE	182/0	183/0	
BENLOK HD	40/0	40/0	
U-BENNETT	36/0	36/0	
BENTALLS	143/0	143/0	
BERRISFORD	295/0	294/0	
BIRKELEY	234/0	234/0	
BOASE HAS	243/0	241/0	
BOODINGTO	136/0	136/0	
BOOKER PL	367/0	365/0	
BORTHWICK	39/0	39/0	
BOGATER	342/0	340/0	
BOMTROUSE	160/0	158/0	
BROMBER	225/0	226/0	
BRYANT CH	119/0	119/0	
BRYANT C	277/0	277/0	
BRYANT M	153/0	151/0	
BRIDON	88/0	88/0	
BRITANNIC	61/0	60/0	
BR ASSETS	61/0	60/0	
BR.LND.CO	294/0	294/0	
BR VITA	350/0	350/0	
BRITTON E	245/0	247/0	
BRVANT.H	131/0	130/0	

## World Indices

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INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1377.8	1366.6 1348.9	1853.7	1313.9
FT 500 SHR	0	950.9 940.1	1328.8	913.61
FT ALL SHR	0	861.05 851.61	1202.89	835.48
FT GWS SEC	87.72	87.86 87.66	85.55	83.62
FT GOLD NW	313.8	313.4 329.4	453.1	286.9
FT MINES F	0	427.26 435.96	688.22	342.99
FT OIL	0	1604.9 1630.9	2284.4	1511.37
FT WLD DLR	115.18	115.02 114.00	136.44	
FT WLD STG	93.03	93.08 92.31	124.45	
FT WLD LOC	101.31	100.80 100.80	130.67	

## London Stock Market Report

**UK STOCKS ABOVE LOWS AFTER ECONOMIC STATISTICS**  
LONDON, DEC 18 - SHARES REMAINED WEAK BUT WELL ABOVE THEIR LOWEST LEVELS AFTER BETTER THAN EXPECTED U.K. ECONOMIC NEWS, A FIRMER OPENING ON WALL STREET AND NEWS THAT BP WOULD PROCEED WITH ITS BID FOR BRITAIL LISTED THE MARKET DEALERS SAID.

HOWEVER, AFTER THE U.K. GOVERNMENT VETOED BP'S 450P PER SHARE BID THIS MORNING, ONE DEALER SUMMED UP THE FEELINGS OF MANY BY SAYING "THE SITUATION IS VERY CONFUSING, WE ARE JUST GOING TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT THE TREASURY DOES NEXT."

AFTER NEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT VETO, THE FTSE 100 INDEX SLUMPED TO A LOW OF 1,681.5 AT 1125 GMT BUT AT 1530 HAD RECOVERED TO STAND JUST 3.9 POINTS DOWN AT 1,702.3.

BRITOil HAD EARLIER SURGED TO 444P AFTER BP LAUNCHED ITS FULL BID BUT STOOD A NET 13P DOWN AT 409 AFTER REACHING A LOW OF 355 ON THE GOVERNMENT'S BLOCKING MOVE. BP WAS 2P LOWER AT 237 AFTER STANDING A FEW PENCE FIRMER EARLY ON.

BP ALSO SAID IT HAD RAISED ITS STAKE IN BRITOL TO 29.9 PCT FROM 24.9 BY PURCHASES TODAY AT 450P. DEALERS SAID THEY WERE WAITING ON FURTHER MOVES FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMENTS FROM BRITOL WHICH WAS DUE TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE LATER TODAY.

ATLANTIC RICHFIELD HAS SAID IT MIGHT BID FOR ALL OF BRITISH  
IF BP MADE A SIMILAR MOVE BUT, SO FAR, NO REACTION HAS BEEN SEEN  
FROM THE U.S. COMPANY TO TODAY'S NEWS.

**London Gold**

## London Gold

LONDON, DEC 18 - GOLD BULLION DRIFTED BACK FROM THE MORNING'S HIGHS IN GENERALLY LIGHT DEALINGS TO CLOSE AT 180.00/180.50 DIPS IN PRICE. LITTLE SHARED FROM EUROPEAN

DEALERS SAID TRADE WAS MAINLY ROUTINE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY AND BOOKSQUARING, WITH MANY OPERATORS HAVING ALREADY UNWOUND POSITIONS AHEAD OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

GOLD MOVED AHEAD IN EARLY TRADE AND WAS FIXED SOME 4.50 DLR HIGHER AT THE MORNING FIX AT 484.55 DLRs, FOLLOWING A REBOUND IN OIL PRICES AND A RALLY IN U.S. BULLION MARKETS OVERNIGHT.

### London Money Market

## London Money Market

LONDON, DEC 18 - MONEY MARKET RATES ENDED SLIGHTLY LOWER WHEN CHARGED AFTER A VOLATILE TRADING SESSION DOMINATED BY THE RELEASE OF U.K. MONEY SUPPLY DATA.

INTERBANK RATES EXTENDED RECENT RISES BY UP TO 1/8 POINT IN EARLY TRADING ON SPECULATION THE DATA WOULD SHOW A RISE OF SIX BILLION OR SEVEN BILLION STG IN NOVEMBER STERLING BANK LENDING.

MOST DEALERS WERE SCEPTICAL ABOUT SUCH FORECASTS, ONE CALLING THEM "WILD", ANOTHER SAYING THAT SOME OPERATORS WERE TRYING TO TALK UP THE MARKET IN ORDER TO LEAD FUNDS AT THE TOP.

WHEN A RISE OF 3.2 BILLION WAS REPORTED AT 1130 GMT, RATES FELL BACK TO OVERNIGHT LEVELS AND DIPPED FURTHER THIS AFTERNOON.

Foreign Exchange					
	DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	
DLR	1.8355/55	1.6240/50	5.4950/80	OPPO	
STG	1.8355/65	2.9755/90	10.0590/0740	NO	
DMK	1.6178/6258	2.971/985	29.485/645	FIX	
FFR	5.4945/5085	10.081/099	338.10/70	130	
SFR	1.3172/3182	2.4167/4198	81.20/31	23.98/24.02	FIX
HFL	1.8280	3.3545	112.53	33.26	FIX
ECU	1.27.65	0.692454	2.06417	6.98096	FIX
SDR	1.39061	0.756177	2.25793	7.64696	NO
YEN	126.35/45	232.07/39	-----	-----	CLC
SPR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

BUCKLEYS	172/0	173/0	HIGGS+HIL	263/0	262/0	RATNERS	256/0	254/0
WINTER	111/0	117/0	WINTER	31/0	31/0	RAE GROUP	103/0	108/0

BULMER HP	144/0	145/0	HLT.DMS.DS	78/0	78/0	KRKP GRUOP	192/0	192/0
BURGESS	199/0	199/0	HLT.SAM	800/0	803/0	KRFRP	444/0	444/0
C-CDU	88/0	87/0	U-HOBSON	48/0	47/0	READ CTR	7/0	7/0
LEIPONIA	515/0	515/0	HOGG GARD	150/0	147/0	REACT GRP	338/0	335/0
CLASH	27/0	27/0	HOLMES PR	185/0	185/0	REFUG CRP	184/0	183/0
CAMM ELEC	190/0	190/0	HOLMES PR	82/0	81/0	REFUGER GR	405/0	405/0
CANNING W	180/0	180/0	HOLDEN GR	86/0	85/0	REGALTON	128/0	125/0
CDR.RADIO	161/0	161/0	U-HUGHES	77/0	76/0	REKISHAW	134/0	133/0
CARADON	236/0	237/0	IBSTK.JSE	154/0	151/0	REKOLD	50/4	50/4
CARLESS C	92/0	93/0	ICE.FZ.FD	301/0	301/0	RENTKILSON	165/0	165/0
CARLTON C	673/0	670/0	IMRY INTL	348/0	345/0	RENTHORN	350/0	348/0
CARTAL	340/0	345/0	INCINCAE	619/0	618/0	ROCKMARE	82/0	82/0
CENTL ITV	418/0	413/0	INDPMOT	41/4	41/0	ROTHSCHLD	149/0	145/0
CHATERA CN	301/0	301/0	INT.MJ	12/0	12/0	U-RLF-MOL	178/0	178/0
CHARTERON	25/0	25/0	INT.BU.CH.	83/0	80/0	ROWNEY	265/0	267/0
CHLORIDE	59/0	59/0	INT.SVC-G	142/0	144/0	ROTORK	155/0	155/0
CHRISTIDES	373/0	365/0	INVDON.DS	161/0	160/0	ROBERDID	155/0	155/0
CHSAS.CHUR	95/0	96/0	INVSRT.C	309/0	305/0	ROYAL.F.CE	22/0	22/0
CHURCH	112/0	111/0	INT.CTY.NS	167/0	168/0	SAGE	171/0	171/0
CLIFF	21/0	21/0	JOB.MATH	265/0	265/0	SALVENS	139/0	139/0
COALITE	327/0	325/0	KALON	41/4	41/4	SAVLE G.G	36/0	36/0
COADTES BR	338/0	335/0	KENDY.BRK	221/0	227/0	SAVOY HTL	71/0	70/0
CASE GP	52/0	51/0	KETSON	69/0	68/0	SAVOY HT	02/08	10/0
COLLINS W	533/0	533/0	KLART.BNS	314/0	311/0	SCAPA GRP	207/0	205/0
COLLINS A	420/0	420/0	KMKFSAE H	180/0	178/0	SCOT.E.TI	110/0	110/0
COLLINTL.SCR	39/0	39/0	KWIKSIVE	303/0	301/0	SCOT.H.NTS	136/0	137/0
COLOROLL	216/0	215/0	KLEIN OS	105/0	105/0	SCOT.IT	331/0	329/0
COSTAIN G	259/0	257/0	LADBRKE W	353/0		SCOT.IT.WT	63/0	63/0
COURTS A	149/0	147/0	LDN.INT.G	282/0	279/0	SCOT.MERT	113/0	113/0
COURTES MIC	191/0	189/0	LAIRD GRP	240/0	237/0	SCOT.MORT	91/0	90/0
CRODRA INT	179/0	180/0	LAING(JJ)	240/0	238/0	SCCT NAT C	39/0	39/0
CROTHNER	109/0	108/0	LAING(JJ)	240/0	238/0	SCCT NAT I	87/0	87/0
CRYSTALST	150/0	150/0	LAING PRO	308/0	305/0	SCCT NAT W	15/0	15/0
CHARES EST	29/0	29/0	LAMONT HD	227/0	223/0	SCMD.ALL	650/0	648/0
CHURCH	6/0	163/0	LAWRICE.W	199/0	199/0	SEC.T.SCCD	95/0	94/0
CLAVY CP	145/0	144/0	LEIGH INT	164/0	163/0	SEC.VECT	16/0	16/0
CLAYTON IN	195/0	194/0	LEICVAT	27/0	27/0	SENG.G	52/0	52/0
CLAYTON W	252/0	250/0	LILLEFJ	37/4	37/0	SIEBE	29/0	29/0
CLAYTON W	252/0	250/0	LOGICA	554/0	255/0	SIMON ENG	233/0	232/0
CLC PLMA	401/0	400/0	LDN+H+THR	97/0		SINGER-FR	63/0	63/0
CLC PLMA	197/0	195/0	LDN+MCHST	228/0	224/0	600 GROUP	89/0	89/0
CLONSON PK	115/0	114/0	LDN+NET	135/0	135/0	U-STH BUS	371/0	
COBURN J	226/0	228/0	LDN INVT	28/0	28/0	SLOUGH ES	204/0	239/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	LDNO OPU	140/0	140/0	SMITH D	328/0	330/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	LDN.UTD.I	173/0	170/0	SMITH WH-A	309/0	307/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	LOVELL HD	219/0	218/0	SMITH WH-B	62/0	62/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	LYNTON PE	305/0	305/0	SMITHS IN	221/0	221/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	LDNO+BONAR	196/0	195/0	SOV.O+GAS	84/0	83/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	LDNO+OW	556/0	555/0	SPONG HLD	17/4	18/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	LONE HOME	310/0	305/0	SPRING RA	133/0	133/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	LTM HDGS	728/0	733/0	SPROX-SARCO	162/0	161/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	M+G GROUP	233/0	230/0	STAKIS	77/0	76/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	M.K.ELEC	700/0	698/0	U-STHNOPE	168/0	167/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	MCARTH G	276/0	282/0	STANLEY A	185/0	186/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	MCATHY+STN	429/0	430/0	STVLY.LND	190/0	
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	MCLIN.GLAV	515/0	515/0	STEETLY	318/0	318/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	MCLINE.PL	280/0	280/0	STURT.WRT	618/0	
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	MMSFLD.BM	460/0	460/0	STURGULAR	11/4	11/4
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	MSCALPINE	403/0	403/0	TU.SV.HLD	61/0	62/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	MARLEY	138/0	136/0	TYLR.MORO	348/0	348/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	MTSTN.THO	113/0	112/0	TELE.SOOT	310/0	300/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	MATTHEWS	92/0	93/0	TU-TND AY	174/0	175/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	MENEC (MEC	38/0	38/0	TIE RACK	118/0	118/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	MENZIES J	341/0	348/0	TI GROUP	277/0	274/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	MENZIES J	341/0	348/0	TI GROUP	152/0	151/0
COBURN GP	169/0	168/0	MENZIES J	341/0	348/0	TELEBETRI	25/0	26/0
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## KEYWORDS

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GEN. MILLS	48/6	48/0	NEW ENG EL	22/2	22/1	SI STE TUB	48/0	48/3
GENL MOTOR	60/4	61/0	NEW PLA RE	14/0	14/0	SHELL TRAN	71/0	71/0

GEN SIGNAL	43/30	43/3	NEWELL CO	26/1	26/2	SHER PLOU	48/8	48/1
GENCORP	64/3	64/2	NEWMONT HI	33/50	33/5	SHERM-WILL	24/1	24/1
GENRAD INC	10/4	10/2	NEWNMT GLD	39/1	40/0	SINGER CO	49/6	49/7
GO INTL	3/7	3/6	NICOR INC	22/2	22/0	SMITH INT	6/2	6/2
GEORGI-PAC	33/30	33/2	NI INDS	5/5	5/3	SMITHK BEC	49/2	49/3
GERBR SCIE	16/6	16/5	NL NOBLE AFF	10/7	11/0	SONY CP	39/0	39/0
GILETT	31/7	31/2	NORD RESOU	6/6	6/5	SOURCE CAP	32/2	32/4
GLOBAL MAR	1/3	1/3	NORTHROP	24/6	25/5	SOUTHERN	21/4	21/4
GOLDEN NUG	10/6	10/6	NORTON	43/6	43/6	SOUTHERN	14/6	14/6
GOODRICH	36/7	36/5	NOVO IND	23/2	23/0	SQUARE D	51/0	50/4
GOODYEAR	59/4	59/6	NUCOR CORP	36/2	35/5	SQUIBB	58/4	57/7
GOULD INC	10/7	11/0	OKA INDS	1,00	1,00	STALEY AE	51/1	51/0
GRACE MR	23/2	23/4	OCCIDENTAL	23/5	23/2	STERL DRUG	49/6	49/6
GRANINGER	57/50	56/2	OCEAN DRILL	14/4	15/1	SUN CO INC	38/4	38/4
GREYHOUND	25/6	25/5	ODGEN CORP	16/4	16/4	SUNDRAM	38/4	38/4
GROVER	8/7	8/7	ODI CO	19/2	18/5	SUNSHINE M	4/1	4/1
GRUHAN	19/4	19/3	OHIO MATT	13/1	13/2	SUPER VAL	16/6	16/7
GULF RES-C	11/3	11/4	OLIN CORP	40/1	40/3	SW AIRLINE	14/5	14/5
GULF-WESTN	74/30	73/6	ONITCARE	6/3	6/3	SN GAS	20/0	19/7
HALLIBURTO	24/3	24/4	ORION PICT	11/2	11/1	SWM BELL	34/5	34/2
HALLWOOD	14/7	14/7	PAINE WEB	15/1	15/0	TANDY CORP	33/2	33/2
HANNA MIN	17/4	17/6	PAN AM U A	3/2	3/2	TECO ENERG	23/6	23/4
HARRIS CP	26/4	26/3	PANHANDLE	20/4	20/5	TEKTRONIX	24/4	24/4
HARTWARTH	13/5	14/1	PARK ELECT	15/5	15/4	TELEPHONE	30/0	30/0
HECLA MIN	19/5	19/6	PARKER DRI	2/6	2/7	TELEX CORP	55/0	55/0
HEILENN BR	40/30	39/5	PARKER NAM	37/4	37/1	TERADYNE	16/6	16/6
HEINZ HJ	43/30	42/0	PATROCK PET	2/7	2/7	TESORO PET	12/0	11/7
HEL CURTIS	26/5	26/4	PAYLESS CSH	10/6	10/4	TEX AMER B	3/0	3/0
HELM-PATNE	18/0	17/6	PULLMAN CO	4/4	4/4	TEX EAS TR	21/6	21/5
HERCULES	45/4	45/2	PC INDS-CR	0	90/4	TEXACO INC	36/7	35/7
HESSON	0	3/7	PENIN CORP	44/5	44/4	TEXAS IND	30/5	30/6
HEM-PACK	56/4	55/4	PENNEY JC	45/6	45/0	TEXAS INST	50/3	49/3
HEXCEL CP	38/2	38/0	PENNZOIL	78/0	75/2	TEKTRON	19/2	19/5
HILLENBRND	24/2	24/0	PEOPLES EN	16/6	15/7	TIDWATER	4/6	4/6
HILTN HTLS	70/4	69/3	PEPSICO	32/3	31/5	TIGER INT	11/6	11/6
HITACHI	94/2	94/2	PERKIN-ELM	23/7	23/4	TIME INCOR	79/6	79/6
HOMESTAKE	16/6	16/6	PFIZER	45/1	44/4	TIMES HIRZ	72/2	70/0
HINDY-HARMN	16/0	16/0	PHILIPS DOD	44/6	44/4	TIMES HIRZ	53/0	54/4
HOLIDAY C	22/4	22/2	PHILLIP MOR	90/0	89/3	TIMMARCH	24/4	24/4
HOM DEPOT	18/0	18/4	PHILLIPS PE	10/2	10/3	TISCO CORP	1/4	1/4
HOMES FED S	21/4	21/1	PILLSBURY	31/2	30/7	TOYS R US	29/7	29/4
HOMDA MOTR	102/0	100/2	PINACQUE U	27/6	27/4	TRACOR INC	32/4	32/4
HOKEYWELL	57/0	56/6	PITN-BOMES	39/5	39/5	TRANSEMER	27/7	27/7
HOUGHTON	23/5	23/3	PITTSOON	10/4	10/4	TRANSCO EN	22/4	22/4
HOUSTON IN	29/3	29/0	POLAROID	24/0	24/1	TRANSCO EX	5/0	4/7
HUGHES SUP	25/5	25/6	PORTLAND GE	21/4	22/0	TRAVELLERS	34/3	33/5
HUMANA INC	17/4	18/5	PRIME COME	14/7	14/7	TRINITY IN	24/6	24/6
HUTTON EFF	28/3	28/3	PRIME INKS	29/7	29/0	TV CORP	15/0	14/7
IBM	115/4	115/0	PRIMERICA	37/7	23/5	TWA	20/6	20/5
IC INDUST	31/3	31/3	PROCTER WH	87/0	86/0	U PACIFIC	53/2	52/5
INC PHARMA	6/3	6/4	PUBLIC INTL	14/2	14/2	UTD BRAND	48/0	48/0
ILL PHR CO	23/2	23/4	PUCKET SP-L	19/0	18/7	UTD TECH	34/2	33/6
INGCO LTD	20/2	19/6	PULTE HONE	7/4	7/1	UNILEVER	58/0	57/2
INRSLL-RA	24/6	24/2	QUAKER COR	42/6	42/1	UNION CAMP	36/0	36/0
INTL MINER	43/4	42/6	QUAKER COR	16/1	16/0	UNION CARB	22/0	21/1
J WALTER	59/6	59/4	QUESTAR	31/3	31/2	US SHOE	14/0	13/7
JOHNSON-JNS	78/3	77/3	RAMADA INN	6/2	6/2	USX CORP	29/1	28/5
K WART CP	28/7	29/4	RANGER OIL	4/2	4/2	US WEST	51/5	51/4
KATSER ALN	11/3	11/0	RANGER OIL	5/7	5/7	USAIR GRP	33/6	33/3
KELLOGG	53/6	52/5	RATCHEM	41/0	40/7	VALERO EN	4/6	4/7
KERR-MCGEE	31/6	31/7	RAYMARK	7/0	7/2	VALLEY IND	1/6	1/6
KEYSTONE	16/4	16/6	RAYTHEON	64/3	65/3	VARCO INTL	3/4	3/5
KIDDE INC	0	63/0	REGAL INTL	15	14	VARIAN ASS	23/0	23/2
KIMB-CLARK	49/7	49/5	REYNOLD NE	47/4	48/0	V UNION	2/0	2/0
KLM R D AI	15/6	15/7	RJR NABISC	14/0	14/5	V PRT PEPP	24/7	24/1
KRAFT INC	48/1	48/7	ROCHES G-E	14/7	14/5	WALNOC OIL	4/6	4/7
KROGER CP	25/1	24/5	ROCKAWAY L	6/5	6/5	WALT MATT	25/2	24/6
LEAR PETRL	1/4	1/5	ROCKWELL	18/7	17/7	WALGREEN	32/0	32/1
LEHMAN	11/1	11/1	ROHR INDS	16/4	16/5	WARNER COM	29/0	28/2
LENNAR	16/2	16/4	ROLLINS EN	17/0	17/1	WARNER LAN	66/4	67/2
LILLY ELI	72/7	71/6	ROLLINS IN	15/0	14/6	WASTE NAM	36/7	35/7
LINCOLN LA	37/4	39/1	ROPER CORP	14/6	14/6	WASN GAS L	20/6	20/4
LITTON IND	70/3	70/0	ROKER GRP	36/2	36/4	WEIDY INTL	5/0	5/1
LOCKHEED	36/7	36/6	ROMAN CORP	4/4	4/2	WEST CO	16/0	16/1
LOTTITE CP	25/0	24/6	ROYL DUTCH	105/2	105/1	WESTINGHE	48/4	49/3
LOUIS CORP	69/2	69/1	RYDER SYST	25/2	24/4	WILLIAMS C	21/2	22/6
LOW-NETTLE	17/6	18/1	RYLAND GRP	14/2	14/1	WILLIAMS E	5/0	5/0
LOWE STAR	20/7	20/5	S-DLEG G-E	29/7	29/5	WILMORING	8/2	8/2
LOWES	17/0	16/5	SABINE	15/5	11/4	WORM-DIXIE	0	42/6
MCINTOSH	2/4	2/3	SALMON	18/1	18/1	WORLDWORTH	32/7	33/2
MARIETTA	40/0	41/2	SARA LEE	36/1	34/7	WOOLCORP	6/7	6/6
MA CON INC	8/7	8/6	SCHLUNBERG	28/4	28/4	WRIGLEY	69/1	67/2
MACHILLAN	58/6	56/6	SCOTT PPR	13/6	13/6	WYLE LABS	12/2	12/2
MANHATTAN	8/7	8/6	SCOTTS	6/0	6/0	XEROX CP	56/1	56/4
MANOR CARE	12/3	11/2	SE BANK CO	18/4	18/5	XTRA INC	21/2	21/4
MAMU HANOV	24/5	24/3	SEAGRAN CO	56/0	55/4	ZAPATA	2/3	2/4
MARRIOTT	29/3	29/1	SEAGULL EN	16/4	16/3	ZAYTRE CORP	415/6	415/6
MASCO CORP	22/7	22/3	SEALED AIR	35/4	36/0	ZENITH EL	14/7	15/0
MATSU ELEC	169/0	168/7	SEARS ROE	34/0	33/2	ZERO	14/6	15/5
MATTEL INC	7/3	7/1	SERY CORP	21/6	22/1			

## New Longs Plus Indigos

MAGNUM-HIL		SP500 INDEXES & THIS MARKET				
	4/3	4/91		LAST CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
HEAD	33/0	32/2	IND	1,958.06 + 33.66	1,958.06	1,926.72
HERCK - CO	157/6	157/2	TRANS	759.29 + 10.43	759.29	749.43
HEREDITH	26/0	27/4	UTILS.	175.91 + 1.24	176.27	174.67
HERKILL LY	21/3	21/0	STOCKS	721.56 + 10.67	721.56	711.58
HESA OFFSH	1/1	1/1	NYSE COMP	137.90 + 1.88		
MOBIL OIL	35/6	36/0	S-P COMPOSITE	246.88 + 3.90		
MOHAK DAT	0	51/4	NYSE INDS	166.22 + 2.32		
MONSANTO	78/7	78/2	ANEX INDEX	253.75 + 2.57		
MORGAN JP	31/6	31/3	NASD COMP	323.13 + 3.62		
MORT THIO	41/4	40/6	NASD BANKING	382.80 + 3.73		
MOTOROLA	49/5	49/1	NASD FIN'L	399.48 + 3.01		
MRSH-HCLEN	44/4	45/2	NASD INDS	330.80 + 4.33		
MURPHY OIL	22/1	22/3	S-P 100 INDEX	240.39 + 4.23		
NAT DISTIL	69/6	69/1				
NAVSTAR	4/3	4/3				

## Wall Street Statistics \* Composite

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
PORTLAND	21 7/8	-	1/8	WANG LAB B	11 1/4	+	1/2
PUTNAM WAS	10	UNCH		DANSON OIL	3 1/6	+	1/16
ATT	29	+	1	ATARI CP	7 1/4	-	1/8
CEN ME PUR	15 7/8	+	5/8	TEXAS AIRT	12	-	1/4
STRAGE TEC	1 1/4	-	1/8	FUR VAULT	3 5/8	-	1/4
AMER EXPR	23 1/4	+	1/4	NY TIMES A	31 5/8	+	7/8
PHILLIPS P	10 3/4	+	3/8	MC GREGOR	3	+	1/2
TRAVELERS	34	+	3/8	AMDAHL CP	34 3/4	+	1/2
TEXACO	37 1/4	+	1 1/4	DOME PETE	5/8	UNCH	
USX CORP	29 1/4	+	5/8	CARDIS CP	13 1/6	-	1/16
NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE				AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			
WINNERS CO	2 1/8	+	5/8	RB & W CP	3 5/8	+	7/8
AI ROBINS	15 5/8	+	2 3/8	PORTAGE CP	4 1/4	+	7/8
CLASIR CO	2 1/8	+	1/4	MC GREGOR	3	+	1/2
FIELDCREST	13 1/2	-	1 3/4	KEYSTONE M	3	-	1/2
GIBRTR FIN	3 1/4	-	1/4	NORTHEAST	2 1/8	-	1/4
NYSE VOLUME	150,773,900			AMEX VOLUME	7,168,110		
STOCKS UP	836			STOCKS UP	240		
STOCKS DOWN	378			STOCKS DOWN	203		
17-DEC NASDAQ VOLUME 166,813,900							
STOCKS UP 1304 DOWN 1057							
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE							

## Wall Street Market Reaction

NEW YORK, Dec 18: Wall Street stocks continued their early rally with blue chips recovering much of their drop yesterday. Brokers said gains were supported by a rising dollar after its fall to low after low against the yen and mark, and rising bond prices, which meant lower yields.

The Dow 30 index was up 32 at 1957 after falling 50 yesterday. Gainers led declining issues by two-to-one.

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International Bond Highlights

Duesseldorf, Dec 18 — The Norwegian Mortgage Association for Industry and Trade is issuing a five year, 75 mln mark Bullet Eurobond with a 5-1/4 pct coupon and priced at par, sole lead manager Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale said.

Zurich — Australia's Ansett Transport Industries Ltd is launching 50 mln Swiss francs of 5-3/8 pct seven year, straight notes at 100-1/2 pct, lead manager Handelsbank Natwest said.

Paris — Credit Commercial de France said it is lead managing for its own account a 1.2 billion franc domestic bond in six variable rate tranches.

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8-5/8 1/8	8-5/8 1/2	8-15/16 13/16
FFY 2-9/16 3/5	3-7/8 8/5	3-7/8 8/5
PAR 8-1/8	8-1/8 1/4	8-1/2 5/8
ZUR 7/8 1-1/8	3-5/8 3-7/8	3-1/2 3-3/4
BRX 5-25	6-11/16 13/16	6-5/4 7/8
ROM 10-1/8 10-5/8	11-1/4 11-3/4	11-1/4 11-3/4
AMS 4-1/2 4-5/8	4-1/2 4-5/8	4-5/8 4-3/4
YOK 3-7/8 8/5	4-0000 0525	3-8750 9375
EDU 6-18 6-43	7-12 7-25	7-12 7-25

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	3-15/16	4-1/16
3 months	4-9/16	5-1/8
6 months	5-3/16	5-3/4
1 year	5-1/2	6

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	29.50	29.50	29.75	MODIALKALI	5.50	5
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ADNDRA CEM	9.87	10	8.85	CHALLIDRON	95.50	96	RAYMOND CO	---	---
ADNDRA VLY	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
BAJAJ AUTO	4450	4500	4350	IND LAMP	---	---	---	---	---
BAR RAYON	142.50	142.50	145	IND ORG	24	24	23 SPIC	28	28
BOM DYING	92.50	94	91.75	INDRATON	52	52	52 STD MILLS	192.50	195
BOMBAY STOCK PRICES	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
BSE INDEX	407.92	407.92	407.92	---	---	---	---	---	---
CENTURYSPG	641.25	645	645	ITC CO	---	---	---	---	---
COLGATE	197.50	194	193	JK 120	---	---	---	---	---
DEEPAKERT	31.50	30.50	31.50	JKSYNTH	58.50	59	58.50	TATAOIL	81
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FICOM ORG	---	---	---	MAGMAHARD	---	---	---	---	---
GARVAPOLY	78.50	78	79.50	MARINDRA	54	53	54	VOLTA	300

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AEG	211.0
ALLIANZ VR	1190.0
BAEHAERK	183.0
BASF	256.6
BAYER	267.0
BAYER NYF	317.5
BAYER VER	319.0
BBC	286.0
BIF	323.0
BIN	453.0
CHENIE-VER	0
COMMERZB	222.5
CONIT GUM	225.0
DAIMER BEN	603.0
DEUTSC BAK	408.5
DLW	300.0
DRESDENER B	233.0
DT-BARCOCK	158.5
FAZ-INDEX	432.96
GOLDSCHEIDT	234.8
GUTHOFF	0
HAPENER	359.0
HOECHST AG	256.8
HOESCH	95.2
HORTEN	156.0
HUSSEL HLD	450.0
KALI SALZ	125.0
KARSTADT	442.0
KAUHOFF	417.0
KLOECK H	79.0
KLOECK M	0
LINDE	518.0
LUFTHANSA	125.5
MAN	137.0
MANNESMAN	113.8
MERCEDES	495.0
METALLGES	239.0
NIXDORF	562.0
NORSK NYD	56.0
PHILIP COM	616.5
PORSCH	410.0
PREUSSAG	120.0
PVA	175.0
REIN	219.0
REIN P	207.0
REINMETAL	241.0
SALAMANDER	266.0
SCHERING	363.0
SEL	286.5
SIEMENS	373.5
THYSEN	108.2
YARFA	231.0
VERA	274.0
VEN	162.5
VOLKSWAGEN	227.5

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	HITSUB CP	1030	1040
AJINOMOTO	3290	3290	HITSUB EL	538
AKAI ELEC	426	438	HITSUB EST	1880
AKI	985	1000	HITSUB NYV	580
ASAHI GAS	1760	1760	HITSUB CO	693
ASAHI OPT	558	585	HITSUB ELA	1030
BANK TOKYO	1360	1350	NICHICON	1140
BRIDGESTON	1220	1230	NICHON CHMT	780
CANON	947	950	NIPKO SEC	1490
CASIO COMP	1130	1150	NIP ELEC	1910
CHUGAI MFG	1490	1450	NIP KKKAN	307
CITIZEN W	496	509	NIP OIL	1110
D-ICHI KAN	2920	2950	NIP STEEL	409
DAI NIP K	755	763	NIP YUSEN	535
DAI NIP PT	2300	2350	NIS MOTOR	762
DAI NIP SC	800	825	NOMURA SEC	2960
DAI NIP TO	462	464	OHSA CO	950
DAICEL	748	742	OLYMPUS	970
DATUM H	1640	1630	PENTA OCH	830
DARMA SEC	1930	1960	PIONEER	2610
EBRA MFG	789	785	RENDON	829
EISAI	2100	2120	RICOH	1160
FUJITSU	1190	1180	SANKYO	1700
FUJII BANK	3110	3100	SANYO ELEC	449
FUJII PHOTO	3950	3950	SEIYU ST	1600
FUJISAWA	1910	1900	SEKISUI PB	1700
FUJITA CP	699	707	SHARP	948
HITACHI	1200	1200	SHISEIDO	1480
HONDA MOT	1330	1280	SONY	4990
ISETAH	1330	1340	SUMITOMO	949
ITTO YOKADO	3720	3710	TAISEI	920
JAP SYN RU	900	908	TAISHO MNR	1020
JAPAN AIR	13800	14000	TAKEDA CH	3000
JAPAN MET	431	429	TEIJIN	760
KAJIMA	1560	1600	TOKO NEW IX	833.48
KANSAI EL	2860	2850	TOKIO MNR	1880
KAO SDAP	1850	1850	TOKYO ELEC	1070
KAWASAKI H	255	259	TOKYO GAS	940
KAWASAKI N	353	345	TOKYO POWR	9950
KIRIN BREW	2110	2120	TORAY IND	750
KONATSU	635	625	TOSHIBA EL	637
KUBOTA LTD	549	559	TOTO	2060
KYOCERA	5150	5200	TOYO KKOYU	405
MAKITA EL	1660	1660	TOYOTA MOT	1820
MARUI	2820	2820	YAMAHAT	899
MATSUDA EI	2120	2140	YAMAMOTO	1500
MATSUDA EL	2080	2100	YAMAMOTO	3930
MEIJI SEIK	954	965	YAMAZAKI	1470

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE LOWER IN MODEST TRADE  
TOKYO, DEC 18 — SHARE PRICES EASED IN LISTLESS TRADE BUT CLOSED ABOVE EARLIER LOWS AS SOME FRESH INCENTIVES EMERGED, BROKERS SAID.  
THE NIKKEI AVERAGE LOST 72.86 POINTS, OR 0.32 PCT, TO 22,826.97. EARLIER IT FELL TO 22,739.40. THE INDEX GAINED 80.41 ON THURSDAY.  
DECLINES LED ADVANCES TWO TO ONE IN TURNOVER OF 550 MLN SHARES AGAINST 500 MLN ON THURSDAY. NEWS FROM WASHINGTON THAT CONGRESSIONAL PANELS HAD REACHED A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON A 23 BILLION DLR PACKAGE OF TAX INCREASES OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS ENCOURAGED INVESTORS. SOME BROKERS SAID.  
MARKET SENTIMENT WAS BOOSTED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF LESS VOLATILE CURRENCY MOVEMENTS RESULTING FROM THE AGREEMENTS, THEY ADDED. WALL STREET'S HEAVY LOSS ON THURSDAY AND DOUBTS CONCERNING THE DOLLAR HAD CAUSED THE EARLIER FALL, BROKERS SAID.  
A RELATIVELY STABLE PERFORMANCE BY THE DOLLAR SPURRED BUYING OF BLUE CHIP STOCKS NEAR THE END OF THE DAY, OTHER BROKERS SAID.  
NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 2.27 MLN YEN, WHICH WAS PERCEIVED AS A GOOD SIGN OF OVERALL MARKET HEALTH, BROKERS SAID.  
SECURITIES HOUSE, PHARMACEUTICAL, REAL ESTATE, BANK AND GAS ISSUES LED THE DECLINE.  
DRUG SHARES FELL ON PROFIT TAKING, AND FINANCIALS SUFFER DURING TIMES OF MARKET UNCERTAINTY, BROKERS SAID. DECLINES IN PROPERTY VALUES AND CONCERN ABOUT GOVERNMENT POLICY AIMED AT REDUCING LAND PRICES PULLED REAL ESTATES DOWN, THEY ADDED.  
PULP/PAPER SHARES ADVANCED, FOLLOWED BY SLIGHT GAINS IN THE AUTO, COMMUNICATIONS AND INSURANCE SECTORS.  
DOLLAR-WARY INVESTORS FELL BACK ON PULP/PAPER AS A SAFE BET, BROKERS SAID. PROMISING DOMESTIC AUTO SALES FIGURES HELPED PROMOTE CAR ISSUES, THEY SAID.

Nomura Securities

WEEKLY FORECAST WEEK OF DEC. 14 - 18  
LAST WEEK SAW REVERSAL OF NY AND TOKYO MARKET SLIDE WITH DOW UP 136 PTS. IN THREE DAYS—DESPITE WORRIES CAUSED BY DROPPING OIL. POOR TRADE FIGURES, RISING INT. RATES, ETC. GOOD NEWS WAS FOUND IN INF PACCT AND BUDGET DEFICIT CUT PROCEEDINGS, SIGNALING POSITIVE SHIFT IN MKT FOCUS. TOKYO MARKET HAD BRIGHTENED AS TRANSACTION LEVELS INCREASE—358.3 BIL. Y. UP FROM 343.5 BIL. Y. TWO WKS AGO—AND NET SELLING BY FOREIGNERS DROPPED—DOWN 57.1 BIL. Y. FROM OCTOBER. LAST WEEKS POSITIVE TREND WILL CONTINUE THIS WEEK AS ENERGY AND CONFIDENCE GRADUALLY RETURN TO THE MARKET.

AMMAN

AL NIME MINERALS	OPNG	CLSG	JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.34	1.28
AL-NISER EXCHANGE	0.79	0.79	JOR INS AND FIN.	1.07	1.08
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	0.89	0.90	JOR LIME AND BRICK	0.16	0.16
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.17	1.15	JOR MANAG/COMBULT	---	---
ARAB BANK	1.83	1.83	JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.55	2.55
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	121.5	121.5	JOR PAPER CARDBRG	3.30	3.30
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	5.35	5.30	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.50	2.50
ARAB INSURANCE	1.47	1.48	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.22	1.23
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	1.05	1.00	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.11	2.11
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.91	0.90	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	3.00	3.00
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.21	2.20	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.63	0.63
ARAB PAPER CON/TRA	0.27	0.27	JOR SECURIT. CORP.	0.91	0.91
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	2.19	2.19	JOR TIMBER PROCESS.	0.17	0.17
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	0.76	0.75	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	0.97	0.97
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JOR WORSTED HILL	4.62	4.66
BANK OF JORDAN	16.90	16.90	JOR. PETROLEUM REF	7.51	7.55
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	1.82	1.80
CATRO AMMAN BANK	21.50	22.10	JORDAN BREWERY	3.65	3.65
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.32	0.31	JORDAN DAIRY	1.03	1.04
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.50	1.50	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.27	1.28
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.46	0.45	JORDAN GULF INS.	1.01	1.01
DEVELOP/INVEST/FAS.	0.65	0.66	JORDAN INSURANCE	13.90	13.50
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.60	0.60	JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	1.90	1.90
GENERAL INSURANCE	1.85	1.80	JORDAN KUMAT BANK	1.68	1.68
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.60	1.48	JORDAN TANNING	2.16	2.20
GENERAL MINING.	1.65	1.55	JORDAN TANNING	0.70	0.70
HOLY LAND INS.	1.15	1.17	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
IND./MATCH JENCO	0.70	0.69	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
INDSTR DEVLPT BANK	1.35	1.36	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
INDSTR/COM/HAVER	1.47	1.47	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
INDUSTRIAL INVEST	---	---	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
INTERMED/PETRO/CH	1.11	1.10	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
INTERCOM/INV	0.64	0.64	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
IRBID ELECTRICITY	1.01	1.01	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
J.P. PRESS FOUNDATION	3.50	3.30	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
JERUSALEM INS.	1.40	1.41	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
JOB TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.50	14.60	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
JOR CEMENT FACT.	1.04	1.04	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.08	1.08	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.55	1.54	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.10	1.10	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.91	0.91	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60
JOR HOTEL TOURISK	2.50	2.50	JORDAN TANNING	0.60	0.60

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	BUY	SELL	BC-A	72.50	74.00
STOCK LT	7.20	7.10	LC-A	.52	.53
AC-A	7.20	7.10	LC-B	.56	.57
ANSCOR	3.75	3.80	PK-A	.51	.51
FER	2.02	2.06	PK-B	.52	.51
GLO	30.50	30.00	OIL SECTOR	---	---
PLDT	142.00	141.00	BP-A	.013	.014
PCIB	102.00	100.00	BP-B	.013	.015
SMC-A	102.00	102.00	LRC-A	.002	.0028
SMC-B	118.00	116.00	LRC-B	.0022	.003
MINING	---	---	OPM-A	.0625	.0625
APX-A	.0525	.0525	OPM-B	.0625	.0650
APX-B	.0525	.0525	OV-B	.0575	.0575
AT-A	23.25	23.00	OV-B	.0575	.06

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM.-IND.	5,021,440	205,396,122	689.98	6.62 UP
MINING	46,704,700	14,260,930	5,781.74	18.84 DN
OIL	97,340,000	5,034,100	4,652	0.195 UP
TOTAL	149,066,140	224,691,152	730.44	10.04 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL		SECTOR					
STOCK	LT	BUY	SELL	BC-A	72.50	75.00	
SMC-A	102.00	102.00	103.00	BC-B	75.00		
AGPI-A			60.00	LC-A	.52	.53	
ANSCOR	3.75	3.75	3.80	LC-B	.56	.57	
AYALA		7.10	7.30	PK-A	.50	.51	
FERT-A		2.02	2.06	OIL SECTOR			
FERT-B	2.04		2.04	STOCK	LT	BUY	SELL
GLO	30.50	30.00	30.50	BP-A		.013	.014
PLDT	142.00	142.00	143.00	BP-B	.015	.014	.015
PCIB	26.00	25.50	26.00	OPW-A	.0625	.06	.0625
MINING				OPW-B	.065	.0625	.065
STOCK	LT	BUY	SELL	OV-A	.055	.055	.0575
APX-A	.0525	.05	.0525	OV-B	.0575	.055	.0575
APX-B	.0525	.0525	.055	SPW-A	.02	.02	.021
AT-A	23.00	22.75	23.00	SPW-B	.02	.02	
AT-B		22.50	23.00	TA	.024	.024	.025

## Sheikh Nasser to take part in world economic meeting

GENEVA, Dec 18, (Kuna): At least three senior Opec oil ministers, including the organisation's president Rihwan Lukman and Saudi Arabia's Sheikh Hisham Nasser would be taking part in the annual world economic forum, held in January in the Swiss mountain village of Davos, the organisers said yesterday.

Several other Opec ministers including Indonesia's Dr Subroto, and perhaps another minister from the Gulf, will discuss the future of the world oil market, the forum said.

### Team

Non-Opec oil ministers expected included US Secretary for Energy John Herrington and Norway's Arne Oien. In all it was anticipated that four prime

ministers, 100 finance, trade and other ministers, and 800 presidents of business corporations would be taking part in the week-long series of public and private lectures in Davos, it noted.

Kuwait will be sending a very strong team to Davos, probably totalling some 14 people, headed by the Information Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed.

### Theme

Also due to take part is the president of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Abdul-Aziz Al Saquer, who will head a team of senior businessmen who are due to make a presentation on the current business climate in the Gulf.

The general theme of the gathering would be "The new state of the world

economy" following the crash of stock market prices, the forum said.

Former Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone would address the opening session of the symposium on January 28, forum president Professor Klaus Schwab observed.

Finance ministers, leading central bankers and senior academics would use the occasion to make predictions on the course of the world economy over the next three or four years, he went on.

### Symposium

In addition to the discussions on the state of energy market and the economy, a part of the forum would be devoted to an examination of regional issues. Schwab refused "for security reasons"

to identify the participants in that sector, but said that these would be at a very senior level.

Forum officials indicated that the Middle East was due to be discussed in this section of the symposium.

The Middle East as a region will be very strongly represented at Davos. In addition to the Kuwait delegation, teams will be coming from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Algeria and Jordan, with its group led by Crown Prince Hassan.

One of the principal attractions of the Davos symposium was that it allowed world leaders to meet informally to examine issues away from the constraints of official visits and protocol, Professor Schwab observed.

## Businessmen call for measures to stabilise exchange rates

TOKYO, Dec 18, (AP): Japanese business leaders asked the government today to cooperate with other nations in stabilising exchange rates and preserving the free-trade system.

Isamu Yamashita, chairman of the Board of the Councilors of the Federation of Economic Organisations, said the Japanese economy was endangered by global economic chaos as illustrated by the recent stock market plunges and wild exchange rate fluctuations.

### Value

Yamashita urged Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, who met with the federation's leaders, to act to cushion the impact of the yen's appreciation on the Japanese economy and to coordinate economic policies with other major nations.

The yen has risen by 92 per

cent against the US dollar since finance ministers of major industrial nations agreed in September 1985 to drive the dollar's value downward to help the United States cut its trade deficit.

The higher value of the yen has made Japanese exports more expensive, forcing exporters to slash production costs and boost overseas production.

Government economists and private analysts agree that the economy has basically recovered from the first shock of the yen's appreciation, and is showing signs of strong growth stimulated by government measures to boost demand for goods and services inside Japan.

### Slide

But the dollar's precipitous slide in recent weeks has led many businessmen to express concern that exchange rates are changing too quickly to allow the

economy to adjust.

"In this time of rapid development of global economic interdependence, stability of exchange rates is absolutely essential," Yamashita told the meeting.

Yamashita pointed out that the world is expecting Japan to open its markets, resolve trade friction and fully participate in economic cooperation, especially through the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, a Geneva-based organisation that mediates trade disputes.

"We must not forget how the United States and Europe, especially the United States, helped us during our time of hunger during the war, and how we have benefited from the free trade system under GATT," Yamashita said. "It is Japan's responsibility to help preserve that free trade system."

## Dollar steadies and gold recovers

LONDON, Dec 18, (Reuters): The dollar steadied in a narrow trading range in Europe this morning after touching record highs in New York and Tokyo, while gold and oil prices recovered somewhat from sharp falls yesterday.

Shares were generally lower after Wall Street yesterday's opening after touching record highs in New York and Tokyo, while gold and oil prices recovered somewhat from sharp falls yesterday.

But nervous financial markets mostly watched the dollar.

It got a boost in late Tokyo trading on news from Washington that Senate and House of Representatives negotiators had agreed on \$23 billion worth of tax increases as part of budget-cutting measures over the next two years.

### Talks

The talks were due to resume today on legislation for government spending and could carry on into Saturday.

Near the start of business in Tokyo, before the European day dawned, the dollar touched a record quoted low of 125.55 Japanese yen, breaking the previous low of 125.75 set a few hours earlier in New York.

A New York traded low of 1.6155 West German marks yesterday was not breached in Tokyo.

"This is getting a bit repetitive," said a trader in Frankfurt this morning. "Every day we come in to see the dollar has hit new lows in Tokyo."

In the event, the dollar traded in Europe this morning in a tight range of 1.6175 to 1.6252 marks and 126.25 to 126.58 yen, never coming close to its earlier Asian and US lows.

It remained subject to selling pressure, though. "There is nothing they could say that would make me buy dollars at the moment," a Frankfurt dealer said.

Japanese government sources in Tokyo said the Group of Seven major industrial nations might issue a statement at the weekend reaffirming the need for currency stability, but only after the congressional negotiators completed their package to be presented to the White House and the full Congress.

### Cooperation

West German government sources said in Bonn today that the leaders of the Group of Seven industrial nations have been in intense telephone discussion in recent days over economic cooperation, but no date for a joint statement had been decided.

In Frankfurt, Norbert Kloten, a member of the West German central bank's council said that to be effective, any new agreement on currency stability would have to be better prepared and more flexible than last February's Louvre accord in Paris.

"If it is not very carefully thought out or not flexible enough... it could lead to more instability (in the financial markets)," he told Reuters in a telephone interview.

### Response

Gold was fixed in London today at \$480.20 an ounce, slightly up on yesterday's close in response to higher crude oil prices and a rebound on in US bullion prices.

Benchmark North Sea Brent crude oil for February delivery

bounced back today to trade around \$15.50 a barrel, more than a dollar up on 12-month lows recorded yesterday. It was depressed by an Opec agreement on Monday to freeze price and production levels agreed in June despite a glutted world market.

London Stock Exchange share values eased on the opening of the week, the dollar and the Wall Street fell. Dealers said they felt further after the government said it would use its so-called golden share in the privatised oil production and exploration firm Britoil Plc to block a full takeover bid by British Petroleum Co Plc, the world's third biggest oil company.

At 1200 GMT the blue-chip 100-share Financial Times Stock Exchange index was down 16.8 points at 1,689.4.

### Eased

West German shares were easier at midday with the Boersen-Zeitung index down 3.52 points at 276.56. "The dollar's weakness has led to minor selling as people tidy up their portfolios," a share dealer in Frankfurt said.

In quiet pre-weekend Paris trade the bourse indicator fell 2.26 per cent. Other lower markets included Milan, where the index was down half a per cent, Zurich and Amsterdam. Stockholm and Madrid bucked the trend with slight gains.

In Asia, declines led advances in Tokyo by two to one in what dealers described as listless turnover of 550 million shares. The Nikkei average was down 72.86 points at 12,826.97 after the fall in New York.

Wall Street's tumble was influenced by concern over

today's so-called triple-witching hour — the expiration of stock index futures and options and individual stock options on the same day. "It is the first expiration after the (October 19) crash and it makes people very nervous," one dealer said.

## Italy, Kuwait sign investment agreement

ROME, Dec 18, (Kuna): Italy and Kuwait yesterday signed here an agreement to protect investments and prohibiting dual taxation between the two countries.

The accord was signed by Italy's deputy foreign under-secretary and by Kuwait's ambassador here Ahmed Geith Abdallah on behalf of his government.

The Italian official praised Kuwait's policy and voiced concern over regional conflicts, especially in the Gulf and in the Middle East.

He said the agreement serves to bring closer the two signatory states and unify their efforts for peace and economic prosperity. In reply, the Kuwaiti envoy said the accord will be a bridge for closer amity and cooperation between Kuwait and Italy in various spheres and wished Italy's international efforts in respect of the Gulf conflict a successful end.

The signing ceremony was attended by representatives of leading Italian corporations and banking institutions and was followed by a luncheon to mark the occasion.

## US consumer prices rise modestly

WASHINGTON, (AP): Consumer prices rose a moderate 0.3 per cent in November as energy prices increased after two months of declines, the government said today.

With just one month to go in 1987, inflation at the retail level was running at an annual rate of 4.7 per cent — more than four times last year's tiny 1.1 per cent increase but still in the range considered moderate by most economists.

The November rise in the Labour Department's consumer price index followed a 0.4 per cent increase in October.

Analysts suggested the rise in energy prices might be short-lived, however. More recent declines in oil prices, including sharp drop this week, should help cushion the domestic inflationary impact of a weaker dollar.

### Drop

Overall energy costs rose 0.8 per cent in November following a 0.9 per cent drop in September and a 0.5 per cent fall in September.

Gasoline prices rose 0.3 per cent, after falling 0.3 per cent in the previous month. Home heating oil costs were up 0.5 per cent; natural gas and electricity prices jumped 1.4 per cent.

The figures released today did not reflect this week's dissension among members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which failed to lower production quotas and left the nominal price of oil at \$18 a barrel.

## Kuwait dinar deposit rates ease

KUWAIT dinar deposit rates eased on Thursday following Central Bank announcement that no more treasury bills or bonds would be issued for the rest of 1987.

Banks had expected one or two more issues in the coming weeks that would soak up liquidity. Dealers said a treasury bill issue due to mature on December 23 and salary payments toward the end of the month would add even more funds to the market and depress rates further.

Over-night rates traded at six then later at five per cent after having gone as high as seven per cent on Wednesday. Tomorrow next and spot-next were quoted at 5-1/2, 4-1/2 per cent.

### Eased

One month maturities eased to 4-1/2, 3-3/4 per cent from five, 4-1/2 per cent and three-months eased 1/8 point to 5-1/8, 4-5/8 per cent.

Little trade was reported in longer maturities with banks having squared their balance sheets before the end of the year. Six months and one year were both little changed at 5-5/8, 5-1/8 per cent and six, 5-1/2 per cent, respectively.

The Central Bank raised its dinar exchange rate to 0.27238/72 to the dollar from 0.27292/326 on Wednesday. The spot dinar was quoted at 0.27315/25.

Meanwhile, Saudi rial inter-bank deposit rates were mostly steady in a moderately active, liquid market on Thursday.

Dealers said arbitrage activity pushed up one and two month rates, with dealers seeking rivals to take advantage of higher dollar interest rates and to square balance sheets before the end of the year.

As a result, one month maturities rose to 4-3/8, 4-1/8 per cent from 3-15/16, 11-1/16 per cent on Wednesday. Demand for swaps also pushed up short and medium-term maturities.

In the short dates, spot next rose one point to 2-1/2, two per cent on Wednesday. One-week was quoted at 3-1/8, 2-5/8 per cent.

Three months firmed to 5-5/8, 7-1/16 per cent from 5-3/8, 1/8 per cent, but six months and one-year were little changed at 6-1/2, 1/4 per cent and 7-1/16, 6-7/8 per cent, respectively.

The spot rival firmed to 3.7499/502 to the dollar from 3.7507/11 on Thursday.

## BP takeover bid for Britoil blocked by government

LONDON, Dec 18, (Reuters): British Petroleum Co Plc (BP) announced a bid to takeover independent North Sea oil company Britoil Plc today but the government promptly said it would block it.

BP, the world's third largest oil company, said in a statement it hoped Britoil's board would recognise the merits of its 450 pence (\$8.2) per share offer and recommend it to its shareholders.

### Offer

The offer valued Britoil at about £2.27 billion sterling (\$4.15 billion).

But the treasury then issued a statement saying the government would use a "golden share" which it holds in Britoil to stop BP.

It retained this power of veto when Britoil, a former state company which controls about seven per cent of all North Sea oil, was sold off to private investors.

"In present circumstances the government intends to use its special share in Britoil to prevent any bidder from gaining control of the Britoil board," it said.

### Capital

If and when a formal offer was made for more than 50 per cent of Britoil capital, the firm's articles of association enabled the government as special shareholder to outvote all others, it said.

Britoil shares had risen to 444 pence (\$8.12) after BP's bid from last night's 422 pence (\$7.72).

close, then they plunged to 355 pence (\$6.49) after the government's announcement.

BP is battling US oil giant Atlantic Richfield Co (Arco) over Britoil.

Arco seeks up to 49.9 per cent of Britoil, rather than outright control, under a proposed friendly deal which Britoil management preferred and which brokerage analysts saw as a "white knight" move to help the firm avoid a BP takeover.

### Offer

BP acquired 14.9 per cent of Britoil in a stock market "dawn raid" on December 8 and by Thursday had raised this to 24.9 per cent after further purchases on the stock market. Arco also bought Britoil stock and made an offer for more.

BP said its takeover bid was prompted by its North Sea development strategy. Britoil's main activities are the exploration, development and production of oil and gas reserves, mainly in the North Sea area.

"We regard the North Sea as an area of strategic importance with excellent long-term potential," a BP statement said.

The BP Arco tussle over Britoil was part of a wider battle for stakes in the British oil industry.

Partly, these events were a consequence of the financial crash of 87 which made oil shares cheap

relation to the potential value of the petroleum reserves which companies own.

It is also cheaper for a firm to buy their stock than explore for new oil itself.

The Kuwait Investment Office, which places surplus petrodollars in holding, worldwide for the Kuwait government, last month started building a stake in BP itself — and now has around 15 per cent.

French state-owned oil giant ELF-Aquitaine last week started building a stake in Tricentrol Plc, a small British North Sea firm.

### Premium

BP meanwhile said in today's statement that its offer for Britoil represented a 140 per cent premium of Britoil's 187 pence (\$3.4) middle market quotation on December 7.

Britoil officials had no immediate comment on the bid. BP had sales of £27.1 billion (\$40.6 billion) in the year ended December 1986 and profit after tax and before extraordinary items of £817 million (\$1.49 billion). It was one of the seven sisters, the multinationals which dominated world oil before the rise in the 1970s of the Opec organisation, and ranks in scale only after America's Exxon Corp and the Anglo-Dutch Shell Group.

BP earlier this year acquired

the 45 per cent shareholding in Standard Oil Co of the United States which it did not already own for \$4.7 billion (\$8.6 billion).

The government in October sold off a residual stake holding in BP, with BP issuing new stock at the same time. The huge issue flopped because of the crash on the stock exchange, leaving underwriters to take substantial losses and plenty of cheap BP shares lying around for investors like the Kuwaitis to snap up.

### Profit

Britoil's after tax profit was £33 million (\$60.4 million) in the year ended December 1986. This rose to £71 million (\$130 million) for the six-month period ended in June.

The government retained its golden share in Britoil, after its privatisation, in furtherance of a policy aimed at keeping some control over North Sea petroleum resources.

## Trade talks

TUNIS, Dec 18, (Kuna): The head of the Kuwaiti Company for Petrochemical Industries Abdul Bajji Al Nouri conferred here yesterday with the minister entrusted with Planning Mohammed Al Ghanoushi.

They discussed measures to increase Kuwaiti investments in Tunisia.

## Oil prices could reach \$19 in January

ROTTERDAM, Dec 18, (Opecna): Oil prices could reach a level of at least \$19 a barrel in the second half of January if this week's Opec agreement was rigidly implemented, according to a Dutch oil trader.

Jan Oskamp, secretary-general of Novok, the Rotterdam-based organisation of Dutch oil and coal traders, told Opecna today that the Opec decision to extend the agreement and maintain the price at \$18 with a ceiling of 15.60 million bpd for the first six months of 1988, was a "good news" for price improvement.

He noted Opec had been successful in bringing relative stability to the market during 1987.

"One should, however, get rid of speculators, including future trade brokers," Oskamp said, describing them as a negative factor in the international oil trade.

He said that the Rotterdam oil traders, grouped in Novok, were "not pessimistic" about Opec's ability to keep the markets calm, as it had done in 1987.

## Budget bargainers reach tax agreement

WASHINGTON, Dec 18, (AP): An agreement on a \$23-billion, two-year tax increase and progress on a \$600-billion spending bill are giving Congress momentum in its drive to finish a deficit-reduction package.

Negotiators in the House of Representatives and Senate announced agreement last night on a package that would raise an additional \$9 billion in fiscal 1988, which began Oct 1, and \$14 billion more next year.

Other bargainers reached accord on most portions of a record spending bill that would provide \$600 billion for government agencies through next September while also chipping \$7.6 billion from the deficit.

### Aid

But major disagreement remained on several issues, including aid to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

Legislative leaders hoped to complete bargaining on both bills and secure final congressional passage in time to send the measures to the White House for President Ronald Reagan's signature over the weekend.

"Everything seems to be moving along," said Congressman Jamie Whitten, an opposition Democrat and chairman of the

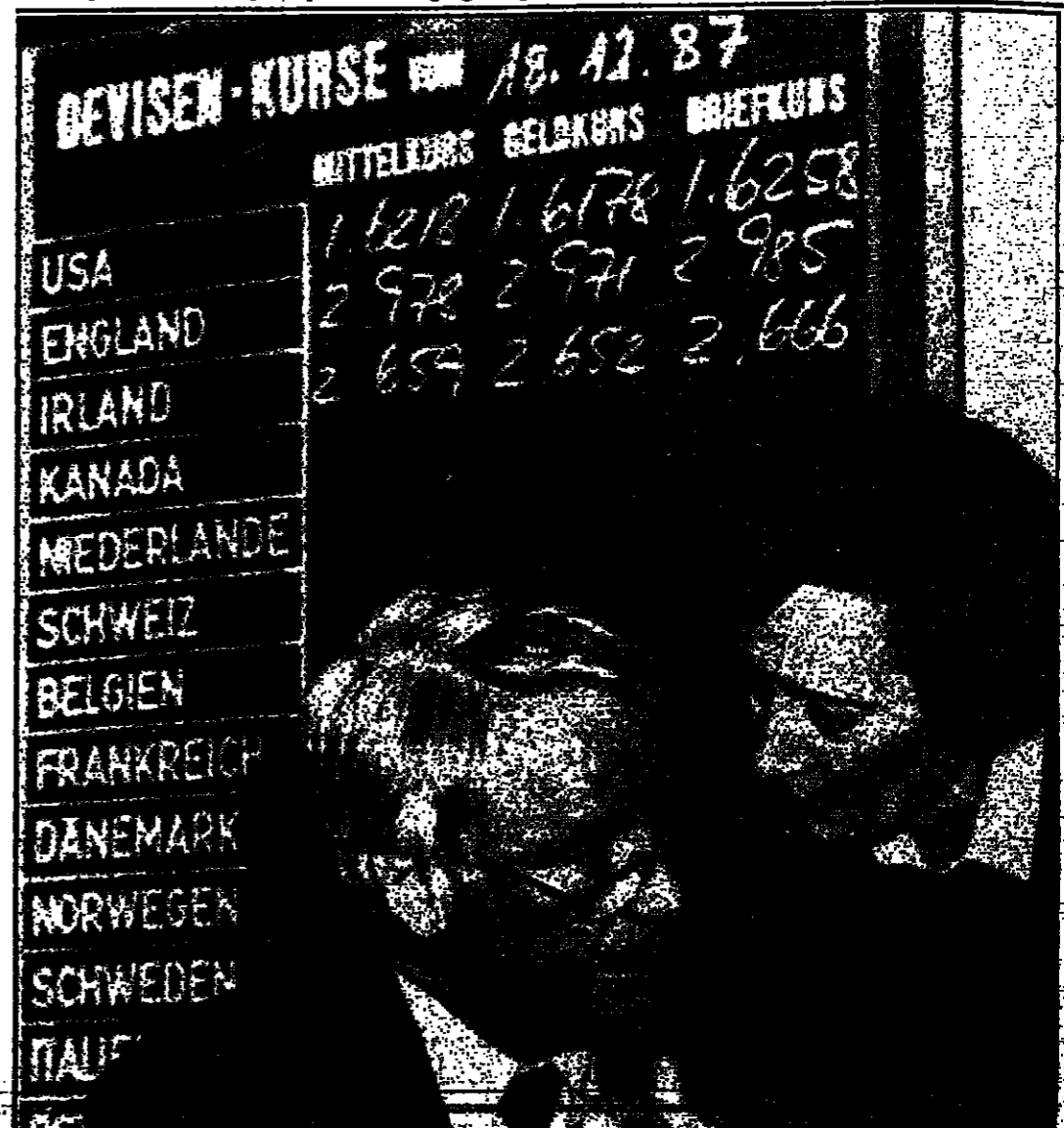
House Appropriations Committee.

The bills were being sculpted to the form of the budget agreement reached on Nov 20 by the White House and congressional leaders. That accord, sparked by the stock market plunge of October, was for a two-year, \$76-billion reduction in the projected increase of the federal deficit, including \$30.2 billion this year.

To prod the legislators into action, a measure enacted on Wednesday temporarily financing the government will provide funds only until 12:01 am (0501 GMT) tomorrow. With most federal offices shut over the weekend, this meant lawmakers had until Monday morning to finish their work and avert a government shutdown.

### Session

The agreement on taxes was reached in a closed session by Democratic congressman Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and Democratic Senator Lloyd Bentsen, who heads the Senate Finance Committee. House negotiators then gave their approval on an 8-1 vote, and senators agreed without dissent.



The Bundesbank did not intervene as the dollar was fixed at a record low 1.6218 marks after 1.6237 on Thursday. It was the lowest official setting since currency fixes were introduced in Frankfurt in 1953. (Reuters radiophoto)



A Tokyo money dealer covers his face during trading on Thursday as the dollar hit a new record low of 126.00 yen soon after the opening on selling by Japanese trust banks and US investment firms. (Reuters radiophoto)

Barry Manilow returns to music world

Bouncing back from cancer

When cancer struck without warning super singer Barry Manilow nearly died. But after a successful operation he has bounced back with a zippy new album and is planning a world tour.

By Joe Mears

TO many women, Barry Manilow is the sexiest man in the world. And he's got it all going for him — good looks, perfect voice and pots of money.

Yet all the fame and fortune in the world couldn't protect him from the ultimate killer — cancer.

Superstar Barry nearly died from the disease when surgeons removed a tumour from the roof of his mouth.

In an emergency operation doctors cut out the cancer and much of the surrounding bone.

"Thank God they were able to do a good job," says Barry, who had to sign a consent form giving doctors permission to remove half his mouth, if necessary. It would have meant the end to his 20-year-long glittering career as a singer.

But Barry came bouncing back even brighter than before — and the best thing of all is he can still sing!

In fact he is now planning a world tour.

Since the life-saving op Barry has to have dental treatment three times a week to save his teeth — but, this, he feels, is a small price to pay for the gift of life.

Barry recalls: "It all happened so fast. I had no warning."

At his Californian home, he was settling down in his favourite chair to a comfortable evening in, with ex-girlfriend Linda Allen, when suddenly he developed a terrible toothache. His dentist wasn't available so Barry, now desperate, rang up close friend Liz Taylor to ask for the number of her personal dentist.

Barry says: "As soon as he examined me he said I must go

to hospital. There was a tumour in my mouth that had exploded overnight and I was a real mess."

Barry was rushed to hospital where he underwent a series of tests. Immediate surgery was ordered.

During the operation Barry nearly died. But miraculously he survived.

Four days later Barry was back home, in that same chair, out of danger, still in pain. And reflecting.

This close shave with death has given him a new lease of life, and it came at a time when he was going through an agonising period of self-doubt and he had gone into self-imposed semi-retirement.

Barry always lacked confidence.

But that didn't stop the public loving him and his rise to superstardom was rapid.

But after 20 years in the music business and over 50 million record sales — he was exhausted, and was beginning to wonder what it was all about.

"I thought I must be going through the mid-life crisis," says Barry. "There I was asking myself 'Is this it? Is this what I planned?'"

Perspective

The experience of cancer certainly wasn't planned, but it put Barry's 40-year-old life into perspective.

Having looked death full in the face, Barry now realises just how lucky he is. Life at 40 is just beginning.

Spurred on by new vitality, Barry has made a special album of his own "Swing Street" — a change from the soulful style of the past — a happy album for a happy guy.

Barry enthusing about the future says: "I'm on cloud



Superstar Barry Manilow: After his operation he is planning a world tour



Barry with Princess Diana in 1983

nine." He has a world tour coming up and a shortly-to-be-released autobiography "Sweet Life".

But life hasn't always been so sweet for Barry.

He was born in dangerous down-town Brooklyn, the son of a humble truck driver, who ran away when Barry was two, leaving a poverty-stricken mother and son to fend for themselves.

As a youngster, Barry had no dreams of stardom.

Says he: "My goals when I was growing up were to have a secretary and an office and show up at 9.30 every morning and leave at five."

Leaving school, Barry cadged a job as a post-boy for CBS. Friends there encouraged him to develop his musical talents by signing on at the New York College of Music.

After studying, Barry's fortune changed and he landed a position writing jingles and music for local studio shows.

Then at 22, Barry returned home one day to find his mother Edna unconscious from a drug overdose. She was rushed to hospital but survived. The experience left Barry badly bruised.

Perhaps this accounts for his brooding ballads, which brought him fame.

But it wasn't until he met Bette Midler, another unknown singer that Barry's luck really came in.

She knew talent when she saw it and hired him straight-away as her musical director.

After two thrilling years with Bette, Barry decided to go it alone.

It was just thirteen years ago that Barry had his first number one hit "Mandy", which set him on a course for stardom.

Since then he has achieved a string of 27 chart-topping singles with no less than 10 albums going platinum.

And the list doesn't stop there — he won an Emmy, a Tony and was even nominated for an Oscar.

At the height of his career Barry played to an audience of 35,000 in the grounds of Blenheim Palace as the special guest of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough.

Barry's courtly connections continued and in 1983 he met Prince Charles and Lady Di after a charity concert at the Royal Festival Hall.

Disowned motherly concern for blonde blue-eyed Barry, every woman's little-boy-lost.

"Get married!" she advised him. "Put some weight on ... You really should have someone to look after you."

But bachelor Barry didn't let on that a variety of women had looked after him throughout his charismatic career. His early marriage to childhood sweetheart Susan, broke up after only one year.

Barry explains: "I began to get involved in the music thing and it was just more exciting than marriage."

Magic Manilow's many romantic attachments included a 12-year live-in relationship with Linda Allen and a stormy affair with comedienne Roberta Kent.

Thousands of women would have sold their souls for just one chance to be in these lucky ladies' shoes.

Big-nosed Barry tries to explain why women the world over are fatally attracted to him.

'Faith' keeps George Michael strong on top

Astley topples T'pau in UK

NEW YORK (AP): George Michael's Faith kept him strong enough to stay for the second straight week at the top of the single pop record charts in the United States.

Heaven Is A Place On Earth by Belinda Carlisle held on to second place for the second week in a row on the Cash Box magazine chart. Whitesnake's Is This Love jumped up two places to third.

Last week's number three hit, the Bill Medley-Jennifer Warnes duet on (I've Had) The Time of My Life, topped out of the ten top pop list completely.

Former Beatle George Harrison jumped on to the top ten list with Got My Mind Set On You, up from 11th to 8th. The week's only other newcomer was Pretty Poison's (Catch Me) I'm Falling, up from 12th to 10th.

As for the Country-and-Western singles, K.T. Oslin stayed on for a second week at the top of the Cash Box magazine chart with Do Ya Somewhere Tonight by Highway 101 was second, and Prefer The Moonlight by Kenny Rogers was third.

London — Rick Astley moved up two places to the top of the British pop singles chart with When I Fall In Love-My Arms Keep Missing You.

Astley toppled the British group T'pau, whose four-week chart-topper China In Your Hand dropped to fourth place.

Always On My Mind by the Pet Shop Boys jumped from eighth to second place, ahead of Michael Jackson's The Way You Make Me Feel. Alexander O'Neal edged up to fifth spot with Critique.

Three newcomers in the top 10 were Love Letters by Alison Moyet, Look of Love by Madonna and Fairytale of New York by the Pogues and Kirsty MacColl.

Top Ten — British

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Melody Maker Magazine, with last week's placings in parentheses:

1. (3) When I Fall In Love-My Arms Keep Missing You — Rick Astley (Rca).
2. (8) Always On My Mind —

3. (6) The Way You Make Feel — Michael Jackson (Epic).
4. (1) China In Your Hand — T'pau (Sire).
5. (7) Critique — Alexander O'Neal (Tabu).
6. (2) Letter From America — The Proclaimers (Chrysalis).
7. (13) Love Letters — Alison Moyet (Cbs).
8. (5) What Do You Want To Make Those Eyes At Me For — Shakin' Stevens (Epic).
9. (21) Look of Love — Madonna (Sire).
10. (25) Fairytale of New York — The Pogues and Kirsty MacColl (Stiff).

Top Ten — US

The top pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) Faith — George Michael (Columbia).
2. (2) Heaven Is A Place On Earth — Belinda Carlisle (Mca).
3. (5) Is This Love — Whitesnake (Geffen).
4. (4) Should've Known Better — Richard Marx (Manhattan).
5. (6) Shake Your Love — Debbie Gibson (Atlantic).
6. (6) So Emotional — Whitney Houston (Arista).

7. (9) Don't You Want Me — Jody Watley (Mca).
8. (11) Got My Mind Set On You — George Harrison (Dark Horse-Warner Brothers).
9. (7) We'll Be Together — Sting (A and M).
10. (12) (Catch Me) I'm Falling — Pretty Poison (Virgin).

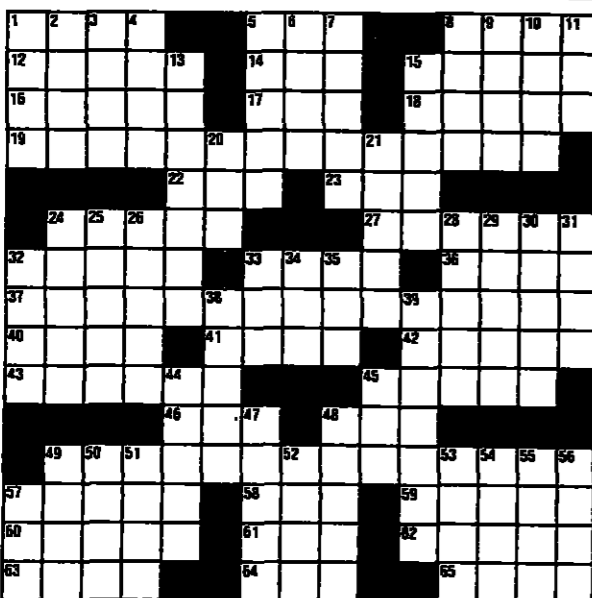
The ten top country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) Do Ya' — K.T. Oslin (Rca).
2. (3) Somewhere Tonight — Highway 101 (Warner Brothers).
3. (5) I Prefer The Moonlight — Kenny Rogers (Rca).
4. (6) Heaven Can't Be Found — Hank Williams Jr. (Warner Brothers-Curb).
5. (8) I Can't Get Close Enough — Exile (Epic).
6. (4) She Couldn't Love Me Anymore — T. Graham Brown (Capitol).
7. (9) One Friend — Dan Seals (Capitol).
8. (11) I'll Pin A Note On Your Pillow — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).
9. (7) Those Memories of You — Dolly Parton, Linda Ronstadt and Emmylou Harris (Warner Brothers).
10. (2) The Last One To Know — Reba McEntire (Mca).



George Michael: No.1 in USA

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- 1 Display alarm
  - 5 Pouch or purse
  - 8 Offensive
  - 12 Savory jelly
  - 14 First lady
  - 15 Beam of a sort
  - 16 Liano rope
  - 17 Smoked delicacy, for some
  - 18 Sports place
  - 19 Fruity fried batter cakes
  - 22 Attempt
  - 23 Entriced to
  - 24 Winter woe
  - 27 Window shop
  - 32 — angle
  - 33 Tennis name of fame
  - 36 Part of GBS
  - 37 Fruity dessert
  - 40 Show approval
  - 41 Eat
  - 42 Speedster
  - 43 Calm
  - 45 Soda dispensers
  - 46 Actress Hagen
  - 48 The piper's son
  - 49 Top banana, perhaps
  - 57 Earn
  - 58 Foot feature
  - 59 Mrs. Arrowsmith
  - 60 Appease
  - 61 Display a human quality
  - 62 Aunt in "Oklahoma!"
  - 63 Deter
  - 64 Richard, the Anonymous
  - 65 Direction of sunrise
- DOWN
- 1 Dress
  - 2 China, Korea et al.
  - 3 Bridge
  - 4 Pocket bread
  - 5 Sturdy
  - 6 State
  - 7 Icy cold
  - 8 Unusual
  - 9 Employer
  - 10 Lairs
  - 11 Historic period
  - 13 Hiker's container
  - 15 At a future date
  - 20 Buchwald
  - 21 Potato or yam
  - 24 Weighing instrument
  - 25 — eclipse
  - 26 Public storehouse
  - 28 Statue for Streep
  - 29 Hit hard
  - 30 Rice-based beverages
  - 31 Pitcher
  - 32 First-grader's lessons
  - 33 Bat wood
  - 34 Haggard heroine
  - 35 Questioning word
  - 36 Vinegar: Prefix
  - 39 Quake
  - 44 Like a fruitcake?
  - 45 Gi —
  - 47 Thought starter
  - 48 Not here
  - 49 Suspenders' alternative
  - 50 A Gardner
  - 51 Thailand, formerly
  - 52 Toreador's target
  - 53 River of Zaire
  - 54 Lopez theme
  - 55 Musical abbr.
  - 56 Robert Wagner TV role
  - 57 Family members, for short

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

SAG ESTIER LEWD  
IRRA UTILE ASEA  
GRANDCANAL NAIL  
MANTILLA ENDURE  
AND VIE LIVI  
TREAD DIALOGUE  
BLEAT SIMN ARES  
ROTTI ROGET TALC  
ADDS ONIN RENEE  
TENEMENT HERO  
INJECTY AEC SRO  
ROAD GRANDPIANO  
EAVE GERIE EMIL  
SHAN NOTED SIE

GOVERN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
DRASTIC CURE FOR CRISIS

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH  
♠ 10 9 4 2  
♥ A 8  
♦ K J 9  
♣ Q 6 5 2

WEST  
♠ K  
♥ K Q 10 5 2  
♦ 10 7 5 3  
♣ 9 7 3

EAST  
♠ A 8  
♥ 9 7 6 3  
♦ A 8 6 4  
♣ 10 8 4

SOUTH  
♠ Q J 7 6 5 3  
♥ J 4  
♦ Q 2  
♣ A K J

The bidding:

South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♣

You don't want to take an odds-against line if there is any alternative available. But when nothing else will work, any chance is better than none at all.

With his red-suit honors of doubtful value, South briefly considered passing his partner's three-spade limit raise. However, he correctly judged his sixth spade as being worth taking a shot at game.

With any lead other than a heart, declarer would have had an easy time—he could have set up a dia-

mond in dummy for a heart discard. The lead of the king of hearts, however, meant South was in dire danger of losing two trump tricks and a trick in each red suit; by the time he had the diamond trick set up, the defenders would have the ability to win four tricks.

Since declarer could not touch trumps without going down, there was just one chance—clubs had to break 3-3 if declarer was to have any hope of avoiding a heart loser. So declarer took the ace of hearts and immediately cashed the ace-king of clubs. He continued by overtaking the jack of clubs with dummy's queen, and when both defenders followed, the contract suddenly became an odds-on favorite.

The table's good club was led, and the defenders were caught in an unusual coup. If East did not ruff, declarer would discard his heart and West would have to ruff with his trump winner for the defender's first trick; the aces of trumps and diamonds would then be the only other tricks they could get. But East ruffing with the eight proved no better. Declarer still pitched his heart. When he regained the lead he could lead a trump, and now the defenders two high trumps crashed on the same trick!

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

**Aries** (March 20 - April 18)

Today the Moon's influence will help you to keep out of trouble. You will get on well with your neighbours. You will have learnt a hard lesson. Be cordial.

**Cancer** (June 21 - July 21)

Circumstances are favourable and you will be able to get your way in many respects. You should be prepared to make a few changes for the better. Enjoy the present time to the full. Be tolerant.

**Libra** (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

The situation is more favourable to you and you will have a good opportunity. Do not allow a domestic problem to go unattended. Keep your wits very much about you and watch out for errors.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

You will tend to jump to conclusions. You should attend to a personal matter without any further delay. Venus's influence will help you to see eye to eye with your partner. Be more patient.

**Taurus** (April 19 - May 19)

Today you should concentrate on dealing with a personal matter. Make doubly sure that others have understood what you wanted to convey to them. Keep your facts up to date. Be benevolent.

**Leo** (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You will be able to get a lot done. Your inventiveness will help you to deal with an unusual problem. You should make the most of what you have. Be less resentful.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should curb a desire to buy something outrageously expensive. You will not be able to get your own way in all things. Make sure you take the best care of your health. Be less suspicious.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will have somewhat greater freedom of action. You will be able to make some changes you have had in mind for a long time. An old friend will be glad to hear from you. Be resilient.

**Gemini** (May 21 - June 20)

You will have a good idea only it is a little out of date. You will be able to put two and two together; make sure it is four. You should not neglect a personal matter. Be practical.

**Virgo** (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will have to act fast if you do not want a good opportunity to pass you by. To slim you will have to eat less; patent diets will not do the trick. Do not dwell on the past. Be generous.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

The Moon's influence will help you to enjoy yourself. You must avoid going to any kind of extremes. Something you have been trying to learn will begin to fall into place. Be less impulsive.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You should avoid becoming anxious about something that could well never happen. You will miss what is not as good an opportunity as seems at the time.

## Behind the scenes of Stanley Kubrick's Full Metal Jacket

By Ivor Davis

THE Vietnam War was an experience that forever changed the lives of the men who managed to survive it. The making of the \$17 million film *Full Metal Jacket*, which tells the story of a squad of Marines fighting the battle of Hue, was only slightly less earth-shattering to those who endured it.

The true story of that vicious, nonsensical war has now only begun to be told, leading off with the Oscar-winning *Platoon*. Tales of surrealistic tribulation during "Metal Jacket's" filming, with the movie's Machiavellian producer/director Stanley Kubrick (*The Shining*, 1980), are also leaking out slowly now that the film — five years in the making — has hit movie screens throughout the world.

The actors in "Full Metal Jacket" were flown from Hollywood to east London's abandoned Beckton Gas Works, which doubled as the city of Hue, where the climactic battle of the 1968 Tet Offensive was fought. They were shaved bald and drilled like real recruits. Although they managed to keep their feet dry, they were nonetheless moved from square to square, retreated and advanced and sometimes wiped off the board at the whim of the director.

Actor Tim Colceri, 36, an ex-Marine who served in Vietnam, was signed to play *Full Metal Jacket's* Gunnery Sgt. Hartman, the foul-mouthed drill instructor who turns raw recruits into killing machines.

"It was the role of my life," he says. "I've been a Marine. I memorised 45 pages of dialogue; to this day I remember every word."

Colceri flew to London, where the Bronx-born, 59-year-old Kubrick has not budged for more than 20 years, only to be

## Fighting the Vietnam war in east London



Lee Ermy portrays Sgt. Hartman in director Stanley Kubrick's *Full Metal Jacket*.

told that the director had changed his mind. Lee Ermy, a Marine drill instructor hired as the technical adviser, would play the role.

### Killer

"Maybe he should have got a real killer to play the other role, then he could have dispensed with actors altogether," says Colceri, bitterly.

During filming, Ermy had a near-fatal car crash on an icy English road, which left him with broken ribs and punctured lung. Colceri was told to stand by.

Three months later, however,

Ermy was back on the picture. As a good-will gesture, Kubrick put Colceri in one scene as a helicopter door gunner.

"I went through as much hell on that film as I did in Vietnam," Colceri says. "But I guarantee you Stanley Kubrick will never forget me."

Kubrick is a man who can crush people's dreams with one of his constant flood of curt memos, who has right-hand man Leon Vitali relay his orders — which are said in the third person to the actors, who makes his cast wear pagers, which periodically flash such instructions as "Learn pages 14 to 23

now"; who wakes them at 3 am to discuss the script; who had Ermy repeat his lines for hours while Vitali threw tennis balls and oranges at him until he could deliver his lines perfectly; who pauses in the middle of rehearsal to wipe up the droppings of his sick, old retriever or to adjust the pillows in his dog basket.

Ermy tells the story of scouting locations with Kubrick in England in a new \$50,000 Mercedes-Benz.

"Stanley spotted a place. He got so excited he turned the car over in a ditch with us all trapped inside. Totally ignoring the

rest of us, he clambered out yelling, 'Mark that spot. That's the one I want.'

Yet Ermy, who could pick up an Oscar next year for his portrayal, refuses to acknowledge Kubrick as a tyrant.

"That's bull—," he says. "He has to rule. If you're Mr Nice Guy they'll walk all over you."

Adam Baldwin, who plays Animal Mother, has his own stories.

"It was like warfare making that movie. It was hard work carrying all that gear. We were either hot or cold and for long, tedious hours there was nothing but boredom. Then the guns and the bombs were going off and it just seemed like real war would be — moments of chaotic danger and craziness mixed with long periods of boredom."

Kevyn Major Howard, who plays the rookie Stars and Stripes photographer Rafterman, talks about Kubrick as if he were a cross between an all-knowing father figure and the Dalai Lama.

"When Stanley laughs," he says, "it's as if the whole world is laughing too. He has such wit and such charm."

### Indispensable

"But he wants you to know no one is indispensable. He plays with you. He manipulates you. He has a way of putting fear into people and he always knows what his next move will be and it's never to the detriment of Stanley. No one was ever allowed to feel secure on the set. There were times I felt he was going to fire me, but it always lent itself to the work. I was supposed to feel it so that the next day's takes would show Rafterman a little more on edge. And I think that happened with everyone."

Howard tells a story of how Kubrick had to sign a contract with a studio promising to give them a weekly account of how their money was being spent.

"But there was nothing in the contract about how he would keep them informed. So he wrote his reports in a military code that only the Pentagon could decipher. And there wasn't a thing those studio lawyers could do about it."

To threaten Stanley," says Howard, "is to threaten yourself. I never seen him lose."

Yet the hard-driving director also has his soft side. It was unusual for Kubrick to invite the actors to his country mansion, where he lives with his wife Christiane and his three daughters, sit them around the kitchen table and rehearse their lines over tea and toast.

"I think he enjoys the male comradeship of making films," says Howard. "He's surrounded by women at home and he likes to talk guns and sports. We'd sit around making our own food like guys in a logging camp."

Any actor who works for Kubrick knows the process will be like no other. There will be long hours of rehearsal videotaped by the omnipresent Vitali, followed by equally long sessions where opinions are solicited and apparently digested. But then comes the shoot and Kubrick may change everything you thought you had agreed upon.

And yet the director, whose greatest praise for an actor is, "He comes prepared, he knows the lines," gets away with it.

"We always understood that Stanley had the last word," says Howard. "Because of who he is, you understand he is to be trusted. He knows."



Frances Barber and Roland Gift watched by a policeman in a scene from *'Sammy and Rosie'*.

## Controversial film puzzles audiences

The follow-up to *My Beautiful Laundrette* made by Stephen Frears and Hanif Kureishi, has its title modified for American audiences but still manages to offend.

By Derek Malcolm

HUGE and copiously sponsored film festivals in Canada have all paid tribute this year to the British film revival, and the most controversial British film they have screened is undoubtedly Stephen Frears' and Hanif Kureishi's *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid*.

The film, given its correct title at both the Toronto and Vancouver Festivals, but called simply *Sammy and Rosie* on its American release so as not to offend, is of course meant to do just that, being a vision of a clapped out and decadent Britain as visited by a Pakistani businessman who remembers the land of hot-battered toast and gentility of the past and is quite unprepared for the mess he discovers now.

And Vancouver, where a large number of new British films were on display, there was a huge audience for each festival screening.

It was obvious that at least half the audience were waiting for another version of *My Beautiful Laundrette*; the previous Frears-Kureishi collaboration, which played in more cinemas in North America and Canada than in Britain itself, where the critics were chary of putting on a movie about a Pakistani and a former supporter of the National Front who become gay lovers.

The gay element on the Vancouver audience was large and vocal, and clearly disappointed when I said that *Sammy and Rosie* was something entirely different. But they seemed to like the film all the same, though there were many in the audience who felt differently.

Jay Scott, Canada's most respected critic, gave the film a rave in the *Globe and Mail*, but others were less enthusiastic. They found the film, which has the Pakistani businessman arriving home to see his son and an old flame as the streets of South London are burning after race rioting, a depressing view of Thatcher's Britain.

The last image of the film, which seems intent on proving that almost everybody has his

or her price, shows the developers' bulldozers clearing an inner-city site for a massive business development financed by the Japanese and taking with it the caravan home of one of the leading characters — a streetwise black who watches the Pakistani's discomfiture with baleful sympathy.

Kureishi's script is a better and more complete one than that provided for *My Beautiful Laundrette*, and Frears orchestrates it with some verve, as if infected by the writer's own anger. But the trouble is that there is hardly one sympathetic character.

The businessman, we discover, is not the cuddly bear he seems but a man who went into politics to shore up his fortune and was not above torturing his opponents. His son, who has a social worker wife, doesn't really like his father but is quite willing to let him buy the family a house somewhere where the situation doesn't remind him of Beirut.

All this puzzled the decidedly pro-British Vancouver audience greatly. Is Britain really so bad now? I was asked, again and again, and does the film really represent what is happening? I found myself saying that it depended where you lived and where your mind was. But Kureishi and Frears had at least made a film that was light years away from the more gentle and theatrical style of your average British movie, and also from the Hollywood pap that is Canada's staple fare both on television and in the cinema.

*Sammy and Rosie*, together with other British films will be played in American and Canadian cinemas forthwith, making money faster than they could in their country of origin. It seems that North America can't get enough of them.

What they will eventually think of the flailing, irascible and anarchic successor to *My Beautiful Laundrette* is anyone's guess. But it is certain to become a landmark of a sort, like the previous film from the team.

## Carrie Fisher returns from the edge

By Dorene Internicola

NEW YORK. (Reuters) Carrie Fisher is willing to do a fourth "Star Wars" movie, especially if the script calls for Princess Leia to acquire a drinking problem.

"It would be perfect for me," said Fisher, barefoot in her elegant, but clothes-strewn, Central Park hotel room.

"She's had a hard time, I mean, all those battles. Eventually she's got to start to fall apart. Like, instead of that old movie 'I'll cry tomorrow' (about an alcoholic), it could be 'I'll fly tomorrow,'" she said in an interview.

For all her wisecracking there are no immediate plans for a fourth "Star Wars" to follow the highly-successful screen trilogy in which Princess Leia was the heroine the intense, petite 30-year-old actress has had a pretty hard time herself.

Two years ago her pill-popping ways landed her in a Los Angeles hospital at the end of a stomach pump.

But she lives to tell the tale in her first novel, "Postcards From The Edge."

Despite its doleful subject, "Postcards" is much like its author fresh, funny and

exhilarating. Fisher may be completely self-absorbed, but she is never self-pitying.

"I call my life 'bad reality, good anecdote,'" said Fisher, who describes "Postcards" as "emotionally autobiographical."

Though her heroine Suzanne Vale, "who had it all but lacked the ability to have it all," the author examines her favourite obsessions: drugs, romance, career, self.

The daughter of movie star Debbie Reynolds and singer Eddie Fisher (who left heart and home to marry actress Elizabeth Taylor 28 years ago) was raised she frankly admits as an affluent Hollywood brat.

"Postcards" was going to be non-fiction essays, but they sounded so snide, like I was above my own environment, which I'm not," she says.

"If I saw that anything I wrote was too self-indulgent or self-pitying, I would say it in some twisted-around way," Fisher says, recalling the "pretentious poetry" she wrote at puberty.

Dorothy Parker was an early idol, and "Postcards" is punctuated with such Parker-like epigrams as "you took my breath away and now I want it

back," "I'm auctioning myself off to the lowest bidder," and "instant gratification takes too long."

Now she is writing a "Postcards" screenplay for director Mike Nichols. She hopes Debra Winger will star, "or maybe Sylvester Stallone, because I think he needs a verbal part."

Fisher landed her first movie role at 17, playing a precocious teenager opposite Warren Beatty in "Shampoo." She also appeared in "The Blues Brothers," and "Hannah And Her Sisters" but she is most famous for "Star Wars."

"At some point I decided I was just a cartoon actress," Fisher says. "Most actors feel released by their roles. I always feel I'm not letting enough out. I can do more about writing. I can self-generate."

Fisher bristles at what she calls "toxic waste people," children of celebrities who write angry exposes of their parents.

"My mom read the book while we were at one of those health spas on a mother-daughter weekend. I think she was very relieved that it was not an expose on how she never baked bread or something."

But for a self-described

"movie star," ex-drug addict, celebrity child and rock star wife, (she was married to singer/songwriter Paul Simon for seven months), promoting a first novel can present some irritating dilemmas.

"One reporter just wanted some snide quote about Elizabeth Taylor," she said. "I mean, give me a break."

"I understand you can't do a profile without that junk, but if they want dirt, I'm not going to give it to them. What do they think I am, unconscious at the wheel?"

"One magazine called me and said: 'Your father, I've looked all over the book for him... and I can't find him. Do you hate him?' I said I don't blame Eddie Fisher for the way I am."

"So the story comes out with the headline: 'Carrie Fisher still blames self for parents' divorce.' I was two when my parents divorced. I didn't let them write what they wanted to write, so they made me a fool."

"I like my parents," said Fisher, tossing clothes into a suitcase for the trip back to her Los Angeles home.

"And may be it was a weird life, but it was my life."



Carrie Fisher: her pill popping ways landed her in hospital but she lives to tell the tale in her first novel "Postcards From The Edge."

By Judy Byrne

AT 43, gorgeous Jacqueline Bisset is still at the very top of her profession. And her latest TV mini-series *Napoleon and Josephine* has proved it.

First there is the cool million dollars fee she has just picked up for the starring role. But even more important — especially to an ageing actress — was producer David Wolper's reason for choosing her.

Wolper, who also made *Roots*, only wanted Jackie after Lesley-Anne Down turned down the female lead. Yet even as second choice many of the network's moguls thought she was TOO OLD for the part.

So he asked: "Put your hands up all those who would say 'no' to Ms Bisset. Who could say 'not tonight Jacqueline'?" Not one arm was raised and Jacqueline was cast as Josephine.

Now she can't wait for the part. She says: "Josephine is a very contemporary character. She has a joy of life, considerable generosity and certainly enjoyed sex."

### Success

Sexy Bisset has had steady success in movies for more than 20 years and 40 films. When she did not work for more than a year a little while ago it was because she chose not to. She did not need money. She was just looking for the right role. And the stunningly-

beautiful doctor's daughter is not just a pretty face and heavenly body. She has brains and nerve, too.

She says: "I'm not driven. Someone once said of me 'she is not so much ambitious as energetic.' I don't have a clue why I have lasted. When I do anything, whether it's making a film or making a cake I want to be good."

That someone was actually top photographer Terence Donovan who knew her as long ago as 1964 when she was part-time waitress and aspiring model. Modesty prevented her adding that he also said she was "ravishing."

As he pointed out, models don't often succeed in the even more cut-throat world of acting. "It's hard work acting, and they often are not ready for that," says Donovan.

But Jacqueline Bisset has been one of the exceptions. Yet she certainly didn't have the sort of childhood that made it easy for her to go into movies.

Her Scottish family doctor father and French lawyer mother brought her up in a thatched cottage near Reading, Berks. She went to the local school, took ballet lessons in her spare time and learned to ride horses.

Birthday treats were trips to the ballet. "I hardly even saw a film until I was 15," she admits. In her teens, she transferred to a French lycee in London and simultaneously discovered

## Bisset lands the plum part of Empress Josephine

## 'Yes, tonight Jacqueline'



A veteran of over 40 films, Jacqueline Bisset is still going strong.

boys and movies. "I wanted to be an actress," she said. "But I didn't like to mention it to anyone in case they thought 'how tacky.'"

but Jacqueline has always lacked the pushiness that usually helps to make a glamorous film star. An old school friend remembers her as a dis-



Jacqueline with actor Armand Assante in the new mini-series "Napoleon and Josephine: A Love Story."

tinctly old-fashioned girl.

She says: "Jackie wore tweed suits and brogues and pearls and was so well-mannered and quiet." Never-

theless that proper English exterior hid a firmness of purpose that sent her tracking around auditions and looking for modelling assignments.

In 1964, she was the girl in the "Come to Britain" advertising campaign and she landed a small part as a model in *The Knack* the following year. Film-maker Roman Polanski spotted her in it and offered her her first speaking part in *Cul de Sac* a year later.

Then in 1967, she went to the United States to make *The Sweet Ride*. After the sexy role of killer Giovanna Goodthighs in the Bond film *Casino Royale* she never looked back. It was followed swiftly by *Bullitt* with Steve McQueen in which Jacqui was billed as the wearer of "the shortest mini-skirt ever seen in a motion picture."

She went on to co-star with everyone who is anyone from Frank Sinatra to Paul Newman (twice), Nick Nolte, Christopher Reeve, Albert Finney, Paul Scofield, George Segal and Anthony Andrews.

In *The Deep*, she wore the original wet T-shirt. In *Rich and Famous* she joined the Mile High Club, making passionate love in the loo of a jumbo jet.

And scenes from *Secrets* have become hot property among blue movie collectors — much to her annoyance.

She says: "There was this erotic scene where I fell off a bed. I slipped off backwards and more of me was exposed than was meant to be. It had taken two-and-a-half days to get me to the point of doing what I finally agreed to do.

When she discovered the accidental porn scene she thought had ended up on the cutting room floor had not, she was furious. Yet her well-to-do mother was wonderfully matter-of-fact about it.

"It is all the fashion, darling," she told her distressed daughter. Her father, who died four years ago, took it less well. As a result, Jackie vowed to reveal less in future.

"I hardly get a shoulder strap off these days," she says. "Each year I show a little less..."

The remarkable thing about Jackie is that whatever she has revealed in the past she has never lost her aura of pure class.

Despite an unsuccessful Oscar nomination in 1974 for Francois Truffaut's *Day For Night*, her reputation has relied more on her beauty than her talent.

But lately, critics have been sitting up and reassessing her acting ability. Her status rose when she played the wife of the alcoholic British consul to Mexico in *The Volcano* and the heroine Anna Karenina in the series *Forbidden*.

The role saw her play a countess who smuggled Jews out of war-torn Germany and showed she had just the sort of bewitching charm to appear as Napoleon's Josephine.

She has her father to thank for the fact that she has never been content to rest on her looks.

# A critical appreciation of James Baldwin

## Spokesman for the human condition

By W.J. Weatherby

FEW writers have been luckier in the timing of their birth than James Arthur Baldwin, the American black novelist, playwright, essayist and civil rights advocate, who was born in Harlem, New York City's black ghetto, on August 2, 1924.

Other black American writers equally talented, such as Richard Wright, wrote at a time when American society was rigidly segregated. This limited both the scope of their work and the audience they reached. But Jimmy Baldwin came of age when this rigid society was breaking up and he rode the wave of the civil rights movement and found a popular following. Many of the older writers had gone into permanent exile in Europe and Africa; Baldwin, too, escaped to Paris when the racial situation at home seemed hopeless, but then the break-up of the system and the new racial awareness of white Americans gave him a public role.

### Best seller

Even Baldwin's angriest essay collection, *The Fire Next Time* (1963), was a big best-seller and he became a familiar performer on television in the Sixties. Much of *White America* at the time was prepared to hear the worst and Baldwin, small and intense with a Harlem preacher's style, gave it to them. Some of the older black writers like Langston Hughes, who had lived through a modest Black Renaissance in the Twenties only to see white interest fade away, warned Baldwin what to expect. In the Seventies the popular pendulum swung back again, liberalism gave way to

the conservatism of Nixon, Goldwater and Reagan, and a deepening recession pushed issues like racism into the sidelines as whites as well as blacks had to hustle for living.

Baldwin found himself no longer in great demand as a spokesman for a movement that had lost momentum with the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and the two Kennedys. Following these murders, Baldwin feared for his own life and retreated to Europe, but as an ageing and terrible bringing bad news the mass of Americans no longer wanted to hear, he was no threat. His public role was reduced to that of an eccentric celebrity, and his writing no longer reached the great popular audience but only the minority readership that the older black writers like Richard Wright had had to be satisfied with.

### Image

Along with the handicap of his black image in a predominantly white society went a homosexual nature that aroused equal controversy and added even more to his eccentric reputation. His novels, *Giovanni's Room* and *Another Country*, courageously linked his racial and sexual identities at a time when homosexuality wasn't openly written about by established writers. While he was at the peak of his fame, critics were tolerant of his homosexual themes, though even then some political and cultural leaders, black as well as white, were wary of associating their name with his.

But when his season in the sun was over, his later novels were frequently attacked and even dismissed as too preoccupied with minority interests

— that is, homosexual and interracial love. This was regrettable because much of what Baldwin was conveying still mattered. He used the public attitude towards homosexuality as a subtle metaphor for racism and thus related it to the human condition in an eloquent, original way, but by then he was only being heard by a limited audience.

This embittered him and was not good for his work as an artist, which was the role he had first given himself before the civil rights movement thrust him into public life. Born the eldest of nine children in Harlem, he had been a poor but brilliant boy who had been an outstanding student in the prestigious De Witt Clinton High School and one of the most voracious readers ever to use the New York Public Library. Leaving home at 17, he took on a series of what he later called "non-literary jobs," including factory work and a waiter in a Greenwich Village restaurant. He was writing poetry and short stories and essays on the side, and these enabled him to win a couple of fellowships that helped him to move to Paris when he was 24. He lived in Europe on and off for the next eight years, often in great poverty, but "getting my head together," as he once put it, "because back home walking past a group of whites, I sometimes felt so angry I wanted to go 'bam'."

His first novel *Go Tell It On The Mountain* written and rewritten over several years, was published in 1953 to high praise. The story of a boy preacher like himself growing up in Harlem, it contained all Baldwin's later themes but was written with almost classical self-

restraint, unlike some of his later work in which the message was hammered home as if he feared readers would miss it. *Giovanni's Room*, an openly homosexual novel, followed in 1956. *Another Country* in 1962, a collection of short stories, *Going to Meet the Man*, in 1965, and then a few years apart novels like *Tell Me How Long the Train's Been Gone*, *If Beale Street Could Talk*, and *Just Above My Head*.

At the same time he was writing his powerful essays exploring the relationship between blacks and whites, which critics tended to praise at the expense of his fiction, and he published such collections as *Notes of a Native Son* (1955), *Nobody Knows My Name* (1961), and *No Name in the Street* (1971). He also wrote several plays, including *The Amen Corner* (1955), which drew from his religious experience in Harlem, and *Blues for Mr Charlie* (1964), which was inspired by his anger over the lynching of a black youth in the Deep South. He was also commissioned to adapt *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* for a Hollywood film, but fell out with the producers and the film was never made.

And, of course, in between all this literary work came his civil rights activities, including making speeches, marching, and engaging in public debates with such white public figures as Bobby Kennedy, William Buckley, the conservative editor and writer, whom Baldwin called "the intellectual James Bond," Margaret Mead the anthropologist, and Nikki Giovanni, the black poet from the generation after his.

It was astonishing that he could manage to fit in all these

varied, draining activities as well as playing dutiful son, brother and uncle to the huge Baldwin family, and although he kept retreating back to Europe for long rest periods, both the artist and the man inevitably suffered. At his best a fine stylist and a novelist with an original vision of his own, his work began to show the effects of his demanding public role, just as the man, an eloquent, warm-hearted person who had seized the opportunity the timing of his birth offered with great strength of character, slowly began to wear down under the pressures he had to bear and became more egocentric and narrowly racial in his own attitudes, so that he was in danger of being what so many original talents are forced to be in the United States — a show business character, whose pronouncements are not taken seriously.

At his peak, when he was confident of commanding a large audience, Baldwin could deal with this challenge with fine ironic humour, but in later life, as he had to strain more for attention, he often seemed to succumb to playing the role he had been given and let the artist take a back seat. This was a loss for literature, but when one takes into account how far this extraordinarily gifted man had risen and what pressures he had had to withstand — pressures unknown to white writers in the United States — it is hard to carp about what might have been. He was most himself with his family, his mother, his brothers and sisters, and his countless nieces and nephews, sitting back like a patriarch in the house on West 1st Street he had bought for his mother as soon as he had shot to fame. There he didn't need to play the



James Baldwin: American black novelist, playwright, essayist and civil rights advocate

black role the world increasingly demanded, but could just be the Jimmy Baldwin who had come such a long way but hadn't himself.

His last published book two years ago was a long essay about the murders of young blacks in Atlanta Georgia entitled *The Evidence of Things Not Seen*. He wrote of the United States in this: "This is the only nation under heaven that contains the universe east and west, north and south, black and white. This is the only

nation in the world that can hope to liberate — to begin to liberate — mankind from the strangling idea of the national identity and the tyranny of the territorial dispute. I know this sounds remote now and that I will not live to see anything resembling this hope come to pass."

His lucid, graceful, powerful use of the English language reflected the style of the man himself who was always such lively company even in his darkest moods.

## Lamenter of lost causes

By John Grigg

IN 1951, when he was already in his mid-fifties, Nirad Chaudhuri's *Autobiography of an Unknown Indian* appeared. In the West a success of a time, in his own country a success of a time, it immediately transformed him into a literary celebrity. But he claims, probably rightly, that he could have done much better for himself by writing a biography of Nehru, from his own very distinctive standpoint.

The autobiography (now reissued in paperback by the Hogarth Press, 528pp, \$7.95) describes only the first 23 years of his life. All the same it is a long book, and partly for that reason he had difficulty in finding a publisher for it. But he was helped, he now tells us, by Basil Liddell Hart, who had been impressed by articles he had written on military topics; and eventually the book was taken up by Macmillan. He was delighted to appear under the same imprint as Kipling and Hardy.

His new instalment of autobiography ends with the publication of the first. Subtitled "India 1921-1952," *Thy Hand, Great Anarch!* covers the momentous period of the independence struggle, the Second World War, and the transfer of power. Almost twice as long as its predecessor, it is more a commentary on Indian politics, and on the general human situation, than the mere record of one man's life. But granted, some knowledge of the back of his mind and sensibility, seen also in a deep love of Western music, he remains utterly Indian, and specifically Bengali, at heart. Moreover, the faith that he has arrived at after rejecting all the orthodoxies is close to "the Hindu monism which proclaims the individual soul and the universal soul to be one."

He is a sort of Indian Solzhenitsyn, rooted in his homeland yet unable to breathe its air, a refugee in the West, who nevertheless feels that Western civilisation is in decay. His compatriots were outraged by the dedication of his "Autobiography" to the British Empire in India, by which "all that was good and living within us was made, shaped and quickened." But the dedication also contains a bitter reproach to the British Raj, which "conferred subject-hood" while withholding "citizenship."

The Empire he loves is the Empire that might have been. Heresents and scorns the actual British rulers who failed to treat educated Indians like himself as equals. In this vital respect the imperial achievement of Britain falls short, in his view, of Rome's. For a time between the wars he became a fervent nationalist, but his disillusion with the national movement set in before 1939, and by independence was total. When I met him in Delhi in 1957 he was talking of Nehru and his colleagues as "brown viceroys."

His attitude to Gandhi is ambivalent. Though he turned against most of what Gandhi stood for, and is contemptuous of the Gandhi cult — particularly as shown in such Western productions as the Attentive film — he cannot quite suppress his admiration of the man. When he first saw Gandhi at close quarters in Calcutta, "What struck me was the expression on his face, which diverted all attention away from his features or figure. It was one of extraordinary innocence and benignity, with two soft beams streaming out of his eyes."

Mr Chaudhuri does not often write thus of a fellow human being. Criticism comes more easily to him than praise. But his cosmic disgust is redeemed by a chuckle. At 90, he is one of the world's wonders. Living now at Oxford, he is an ever brilliant and mischievous lamenter of lost causes. He deserves to be honoured by the university.

THY HAND, GREAT ANARCH!: India 1921-1952 by Nirad Chaudhuri, Chatto, 912pp, £25.

## Disunited kingdom

By Hanif Kureishi

DERVLA Murphy has written books about Ethiopia and Ireland, India and Madagascar, and for her new book *Tales From Two Cities* she decided to look at and live with the Afro-Caribbean and Asian populations in Britain.

So in Bradford she takes a bedsit and in Handsworth, Birmingham, she more-or-less takes up residence in a Rasta pub. Listening to everyone who'll talk to her — shopkeepers, policemen, social workers, anti-racists, militants — and claiming to have no politics whatsoever and certainly no anti-racist stance, she records a great number of conversations at length — at great, intolerable length in fact — regardless of their interest.

### Intimacy

Every station of the liberal cross is stopped at: arranged marriages, Islamic schools, black militancy, police brutality, anti-racism and its failures, the New Right. And there is a long and detailed account of the Honeyford affair. Murphy became friend with both Honeyford ("Ray") and Jenny Woodward, who led the parents' group opposed to him.

Yet in spite of this claimed intimacy, she is incapable of offering any depth of insight into the entire business. Too often she is merely and costily concerned with herself: is she racist? Why does the appearance of a black African couple on the tube to Hampstead repel her? What does she

think of the cannabis laws? And all of it is encrusted in phrases like "mad dogs and Irish women" and "I have never been a 'Women's Liberation Activist'."

In the second half of this over-long book, she manages to become almost accepted into Rasta life in Birmingham and she mingles with small-time drug-dealers and unemployed black kids, some of whom throw ice at her. She was there on the street when the Handsworth rebellion broke out and two Asian men were burned to death in the Lozells Road post office (and Douglas Hurd had to be unceremoniously heaved into the back of a police van and accelerated out of the area).

At this point the book does become interesting and dramatic because Murphy is actually taking part in something, not looking on and wondering, not just fighting for clarity. Recently there have been two excellent accounts of British decay and division: Ian Jack's *Before The Oil Ran Out* and Robert Chesshyre's superb *The Return Of A Native Reporter*. Dervla's Murphy's book is feeble in comparison, undisciplined and unfocused. But there is also something tiresome and futile about the whole method of telling she has adopted: uncommitted journalist goes into "unexplored" Britain to tell us the truth behind the headlines and what these strange people are really like.

What we need now are novels, films, plays and stories told by writers from these com-



Dervla Murphy: exploring another side of Britain

munities themselves; writers who can give an experienced and felt sense of life. We need our own Toni Morrissons, Maya Angelous and Alice Walkers who can tell us passionate and true stories of hearts and lives, not all these pseudo-sociological descriptions of turbaned and talking about "deprivation."

This necessary wave of informed writing is a long time

coming; we may have to wait another 15 years for it. And this is partly because London publishers are mostly too lazy, narrow-minded and indifferent to leave the Groucho Club and search out the writing of those who really have something original to tell us.

*Tales From Two Cities*, by Dervla Murphy (John Murray, £12.95).

## Travels with a prince

By Kenneth Rose

AMBITIOUS and calculating even at 19, Lieutenant Lord Louis Mountbatten RN wangled himself on to the staff of the Prince of Wales for his Empire tours of 1920-22. One was to New Zealand, Australia and British colonies in the Pacific and the Atlantic; the other to India, the Far East and Japan. In all they lasted seven months and covered 50,000 miles.

On the instructions of the Prince's chief of staff, Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, Mountbatten kept a light-hearted diary of the first tour, 20 copies of which were produced on the printing press of HMS Renown. What was intended to entertain a small circle of courtiers nearly became a bestseller when the ship's doctor absconded with a copy and was detected offering it to an American journalist for £5,000; about £65,000 in the currency of today.

Halsey took no such risk during the second tour. But Mountbatten continued to keep a private record for himself and his immediate family. Philip Ziegler, who drew on both diaries for his authorised life of Mountbatten, has now edited them for publication with an admirable short introduction and footnotes that are often more illuminating than the text itself.

The *Diaries of Lord Louis Mountbatten* should not be judged by the standards of Crewey or Greville, Nicolson or Channon. It is the work of a young man in a hurry, written in snatches between the Prince's official engagements.

Another distraction was his pursuit throughout the Indian tour of Edwina Ashley, who in Viceregal Lodge, Delhi, agreed to become his wife. Lady Reading was embarrassed that this should have happened under her roof, and wrote to Edwina's father: "I hoped she would care



Lord Mountbatten at play with the then Prince of Wales, who was to abdicate his throne. His intimacy with the heir to the throne was frowned upon by some.

for someone older, with more of a career before him."

In attendance on Queen Victoria during a visit to Coburg in 1894, Sir Henry Ponsonby complained: "So what with uniform and not uniform, one is all day dressing or bothering."

A generation later nothing had changed except the speed of locomotion. The reader will acquire a knowledge scarcely less profound than Mountbatten's of his 27 pieces of baggage containing every variation of apparel known to the Royal Navy by morning, noon and night, on land and at sea, on duty and off. Like his great-uncle King Edward VII, he was an accomplished master of haberdashery.

### Detail

There is also much wearisome detail about sport, if such a word may be used of potting at a cornered tiger from the back of an elephant, chasing black buck in a Rolls Royce, watching emus and kangaroos being torn to pieces by dogs. Nor had the smoked-salmon socialist of the 1930s yet deviated from the conventional beliefs of his class and calling. His views on trade unionists were caustic.

Mountbatten did, however, record two political observations that were to cast long shadows. He wrote of Japan: "I received the impression that here was a power to be reckoned with in a way in which no one who has not been here and

seen for himself can possibly conceive." And he noted that hostility to the Raj was more marked in British India than in the Princely States. One lesson coloured his mature years, the other did not.

Only occasionally does the diarist confess what we now know from other sources: that his bumptiousness and flaunted intimacy with the heir to the throne grated on a staff of older and more experienced men. King George V, never slow to rebuke his eldest son, was furious to see a newspaper photograph of the two cousins side by side in a swimming pool. "Hardly dignified," he wrote, "you might as well be photographed naked, no doubt it would please the public."

The Prince of Wales did not share his flag lieutenant's brash self-confidence. In his 26th year he still endured tortures of shyness and melancholy only partly relieved by a masochistic addiction to violent exercise and a sparse diet. Yet the unwilling focus of an Empire's adulation steered himself to carry off the tour with courage, panache and charm.

Sometimes he showed imagination, too. In Panama, Mountbatten writes, the Prince shook hands "with coloured men, a thing an American would never have done."

THE DIARIES OF LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN 1920-1922 edited by Philip Ziegler, Collins, 315pp, £15.

## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## ESTROGEN DEFICIENCY PLAYS A BIG ROLE IN HOT FLASHES

QUESTION: I am approaching the "change in life" years and I am quite worried. I've heard a lot about "hot flashes," but I'm really not sure what they are. Can you explain?

ANSWER: Almost nine out of 10 women going through menopause will experience hot flashes. In many women, these flashes may begin before the last menstruation. Some of the flashes are related to blood-vessel constriction and dilatation, according to experts.

Estrogen deficiency plays a big role. As menopause sets in, the ovaries slow down their production of estrogen. The pituitary gland does not recognise that this has happened, so it works to stimulate the ovaries. All these chemical actions within your body make your internal temperature fluctuate and produce the flashes.

Some women experience warning signals that they are about to have a flash. They feel like they are boiling up and ready to burst. They may experience warmth in the face, neck and chest. The skin may become reddish and flushed. Perspiration usually occurs. Women with severe flashes may perspire intensely. Once the heat attack is over,

there is often a chilled feeling and even some shivering. I realise that all of this sounds very frightening, but it is important to remember that these flashes are not dangerous, just very uncomfortable. If you are lucky, you may only experience these flashes a few times a week.

The hot flashes usually last a few minutes, although in severe cases, they may last an hour. If the flashes bother you, tell your physician, as there are medications that can help.

Fortunately, in 50 per cent of cases, the hot flashes last only a year. About 30 per cent of women may experience the flashes for up to 2 1/2 years.

QUESTION: Can you discuss the meaning of amblyopia? What causes it?

ANSWER: Amblyopia is decreased or poor vision in an eye that has no detectable damage either in itself or the visual pathway. The eye does not develop normal sight during early childhood, usually because the child experiences double vision from a turned-eye condition and so suppresses the image falling on the turned-in-eye to avoid seeing double. The eye then becomes "lazy" from not being used. Vision is now poor in

that eye and the eye is considered to be amblyopic. This also occurs when one eye is out of focus with the other because of a stronger degree of nearsightedness, farsightedness or astigmatism.

Children should be checked at 6 months, certainly before age 3, so the doctor can diagnose and treat the condition while the child is still young. Once the visual system is completely developed, vision in the eye cannot be restored. Remember that the condition can go undetected because the child is not aware that he is seeing out of only one good eye. Careful eye examinations will reveal vision problems as well as any eye disease such as a cataract, which may lead to amblyopia.

Treatment for amblyopia involves forcing the child to use the weak eye. The stronger eye will be patched; glasses may be prescribed to correct errors in focusing; surgery or exercises may be recommended to correct misaligned eyes. Early detection and prompt treatment can prevent the blindness that can develop from amblyopia.

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## Argentina overcome W. Germany in friendly

BUENOS AIRES, Dec 18, (Reuters): Argentine soccer superstar Diego Maradona led the world champions to a 1-0 (0-0) win over West Germany on Wednesday, their third straight success over the side they beat in the 1986 World Cup final.

The Argentine captain was in top form in a brilliant second half, setting up the only goal in the 55th minute for Jorge Burruchaga, scorer of the winning goal in the World Cup final in Mexico.

Maradona broke free of his marker Wolfgang Roloff on the left and advanced into the penalty area dribbling his way past several other defenders to put the ball in Burruchaga's path.

**Recovering**  
Burruchaga, playing for Argentina for the first time since the Mexico triumph after recovering from an injury, tapped the ball under the body of young goalkeeper Bodo Illgner.

A 48,000-strong crowd, hoping for a feast of goals, urged the Argentine side on, but the world champions squandered a string of solid scoring opportunities.

Maradona failed to crown a superb performance when his shot from a pass by substitute Aldo Troglia skimmed the outside of Illgner's right-hand post. In another close call for West Germany, striker Jose Luis Rodriguez, leading scorer in the Argentine First Division, had to beat Illgner to beat but was slow to allow the goalkeeper to kick his shot.

But the young and relatively experienced German side, whose captain Lothar Matthäus was the only veteran of the World Cup final kept Argentina away in an even first half.

**Visitors**  
Uergen Klinsmann, Germany's leading scorer, nearly put visitors in the lead midway through the first half, but his header from a corner hit a post. In the second half, Argentina took total control of midfield and West Germany had no clear scoring chances.

Burruchaga and Real Madrid's Jorge Valdano, in his 100th official match in nine months after suffering from hepatitis, led Argentina to their best performance and only their second victory in seven matches over their triumph in Mexico.

It was Argentina's third victory over West Germany since Carlos Bilardo took over as national team boss and in a match that charged the German side.

**Young**  
West Germany drew 1-1 with Brazil on Saturday in an opening tour match.

"We are a very young team with great chances for the future," said the promising 23-year-old Klinsmann, after playing only his second full international.

"Maradona was great, he had a fantastic match," he added.

**Injury**  
Bild said Becker, his manager on Tuesday and new coach Bob Brett had agreed that the player would rest from competition to allow the injury to heal properly.

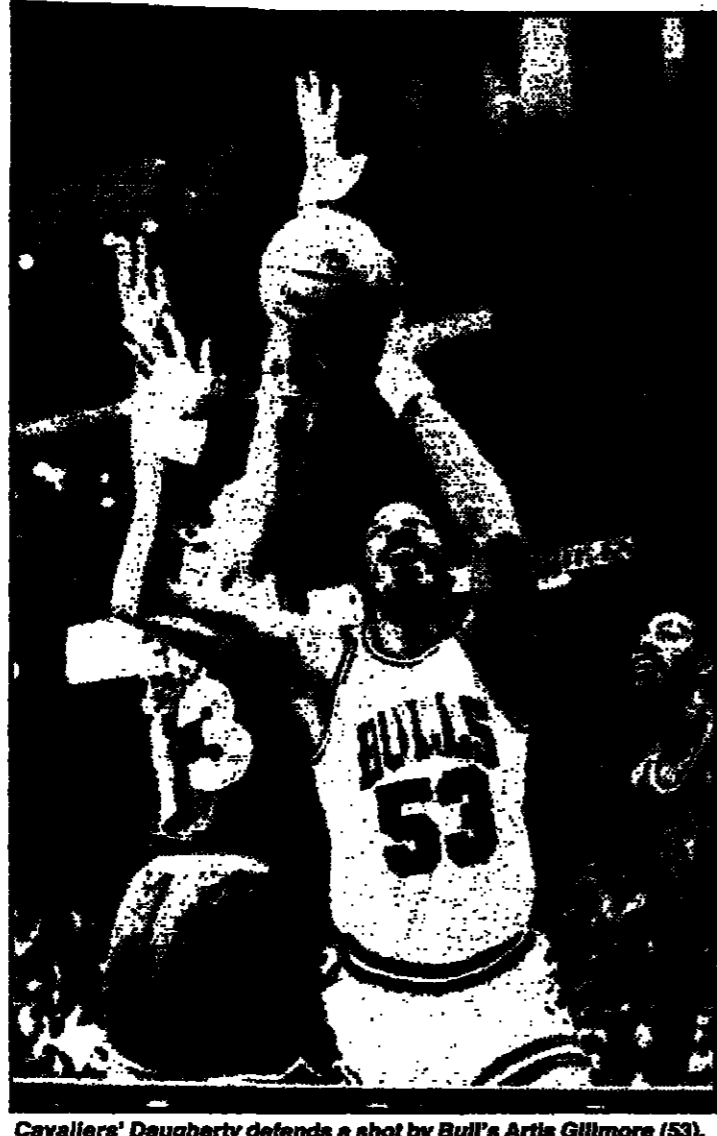
Becker will return to the courts at the end of January for three exhibition matches with world number one Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, two in Japan and one in West Germany.

**Graf has nose operation**  
HAMBURG, West Germany, Dec 18, (Reuters): Steffi Graf, the world's number one women's tennis player, has undergone surgery to correct a sinus problem, the mass circulation Bild newspaper said yesterday.

The three-hour operation on Wednesday was in Weinheim, near her hometown of Brühl.

## SAMPSON AND JOHNSON SHINE

# Lakers hold off Warriors



Cavaliers' Daugherty defends a shot by Bulls' Artis Gilmore (53). (Reuters radiophoto)

NEW YORK, Dec 18, (AP): Ralph Sampson played with the enthusiasm of a rookie in his first game with the Golden State Warriors.

That would have been fine against most teams, but the Los Angeles Lakers played with the enthusiasm of champions down the stretch and beat the Warriors 113-106 last night by outscoring them 22-5 in the final 6:39.

"I came in here off a long flight, but very excited and with a new attitude as though I was just drafted out of college," said Sampson, who had 24 points and eight rebounds in his debut with the Warriors after being acquired from Houston in a blockbuster trade last Saturday night.

With a sellout crowd of 15,025 cheering Sampson's every move, he led them to a 101-91 lead before the Lakers pulled away behind Magic Johnson, who had 31 points and 17 assists.

In other NBA games, it was Philadelphia 106, New York 96; Washington 115, Indiana 111 in overtime; Chicago 111, Cleveland 100; Los Angeles Clippers 98, Houston 92; and Seattle 114, Sacramento 109.

The Warriors, 3-16 this season, did remarkably well considering the turmoil in the team in the last week.

Top-scorer Chris Mullin went to alcohol rehabilitation, all-stars Sleepy Floyd and Joe Barry Carroll left in the Sampson deal and troubled second-year forward Chris Washburn was traded to Atlanta.

Sampson outplayed Lakers centre Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who less than two weeks ago had his streak of double-figure games stopped at 787. Abdul-Jabbar finished with eight points.

**Bulls 111, Cavaliers 100**  
Michael Jordan scored an NBA season high 52 points and triggered a 12-0 spurt down the stretch with a short jumper that put Chicago ahead of Cleveland with 4:28 left. Brad Daugherty scored 22 points for the Cavaliers.

**Clippers 98, Rockets 92**  
Michael Cage had a career-high 23 rebounds and Mike Woodson scored 28 points for Los Angeles against Houston, which scored just two points in the final 7:46. In their second game for Houston since the Sampson trade, Floyd was 2-for-12 and scored six points and Carroll was 1-for-4 with four points.

**Sonics 114, Kings 108**

Tom Chambers matched his career high with 42 points and Xavier McDaniel scored six during an 8-0 Seattle spurt down the stretch against Sacramento. The Kings, 0-8 on the road this season, got 21 points each from Otis Thorpe and Mike McGee.

**76ers 106, Knicks 96**

Charles Barkley had 40 points and 17 rebounds in Philadelphia's victory at New York. Mark Jackson led New York with 19 points and 12 assists.

**Bullets 115, Pacers 111**

Bernard King scored six of his 23 points in overtime, including a tie-breaking basket with 30 seconds left, lifting Washington over Indiana. Moses Malone led the Bullets with 31, and Chuck Person scored a season-high 35 for the Pacers.



Washington's Charles Johnson (left) attempts to deny Indiana's Steve Stipanovich a shot at the basket. (Reuters radiophoto)

## Johnson and Graf win sports awards

LONDON, Dec 18, (UPI): Canadian Ben Johnson, who scored to a memorable 100 metres world record in August, and West German Steffi Graf, who displaced Martina Navratilova as the No. 1 women's tennis player in the world this year, were named today as UPI's Sportsman and Sportswoman for 1987 in a poll of European sports editors.

Johnson polled 172 votes, 56 more than cyclist Stephen Roche of Ireland, who won an historic treble of Tour de France, Giro de Italia and the world championship.

**Collected**  
Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl, ranked the top men's tennis player in the world was third with 62 votes.

Graf totalled 146 votes, 34 more than American heptathlete Jackie Joyner-Kersey who collected 112.

Bulgarian Stefka Kostadinova, who had another glittering athletics season, culminating in a world championship title and world record of 2.09 metres in the World Championship in Rome, was third on 80 votes.

Since the poll began in 1974, track and field athletes have won the men's award 11 times including Johnson's success this year.

The only other tennis player to win the women's section have been Chris Evert (1981) and Martina Navratilova (1984). Navratilova finished 10th in the women's nominations this year.

Johnson, who will be 26 on Dec 30, had a superb season on the track where he was unbeaten over 100 metres. At his peak period during August his "average" time for the 100 metres was under 10.0 seconds.

**Calendar:**  
April 3: Brazil (Rio de Janeiro), May 1: San Marino (Imola), May 15: Monaco, June 5: Mexico (Rodriguez Circuit), June 19: United States (Detroit), July 3: France (Le Castellet), July 10: Britain (Silverstone), July 24: West Germany (Hockenheim), August 7: Hungary (Budapest), August 14: Austria (Zeltweg), August 28: Belgium (Spa), September 11: Italy (Monza), September 25: Portugal (Estoril), October 2: Spain (Jerez), October 30: Japan (Suzuka), November 13: Australia (Adelaide).

**Longo escapes punishment**  
PARIS, Dec 18, (UPI): The French Cycling Federation decided today not to impose any punishment on world champion cyclist Jean-Luc Vangheluwe, who faced a suspension of up to six months for taking a banned substance.

Longo, who still faces a one-month suspension from the International Cycling Union, had traces of the drug ephedrine in his system when she set the 3,000-metre world speed record in September in Colorado Springs.

He began the year by setting a world indoor record over 60 metres at the inaugural World Indoor Championships in Indianapolis. But his true moment of glory came in the early evening of Sunday, Aug 30 in Rome's Olympic stadium on the second day of the world track and field championships.

He blasted out of the blocks to leave the rest of the field, including defending champion Carl Lewis, a metre behind in the 100 metres World Championship final.

He flashed down the track in 9.83 seconds — a full tenth of a second faster than the old world record mark of 9.93 set by Calvin Smith in 1983, which Lewis equalled. Neither man had ever run faster.

Johnson's performance was described as being the greatest single feat in track and field history since Bob Beamon's historic 8.90 metres (29 ft 2 1/2 inch) long jump at the Mexico Olympics in 1968. Beamon's leap, although performed at altitude, has never been bettered.

Johnson himself does not expect his record to last for as long as Beamon's. He said afterwards he is capable of running 9.78 seconds in the Olympics next year.

**Defeats**  
Graf, still only 18, completed the year with merely two losses in 77 matches. The two defeats were in the finals of the two biggest championships, Wimbledon and the US Open.

During the year she also won the French and Italian Opens and played consistently well throughout to displace Navratilova as the World's No. 1 ranked player.

The Frenchwoman said she unwittingly ingested the ephedrine, which has the potential to stimulate nerve fibres and produce a boost similar to that obtained from adrenaline, when she used an antihistamine to relieve allergy symptoms.

She faced an automatic suspension of up to six months from the FFC, but the group voted not to imposing any sanctions.

## Soviets still undecided over participation in Olympics

MOSCOW, Dec 18, (AP): The Soviet Union has still not decided whether it will take part in the 1988 Olympics in South Korea, a Soviet official said yesterday.

Gennady I. Gerasimov, head of the foreign ministry information department, was asked at a government news briefing if the results of the South Korean election would affect Soviet participation in the Seoul Games.

**Staged**  
Ruling party candidate Roh Tae-Woo claimed victory yesterday in South Korea's first democratic presidential election in 16 years. The US-aligned country has no diplomatic relations with Moscow.

Gerasimov declined to comment on the results of the South Korean election, saying, "they already have enough internal debate as it is as to the outcome."

He indicated the Soviets were still pondering whether they should take part in the Seoul Olympics. North Korea, an ally of Moscow, has demanded that a part of the Games be staged on its territory.

Gerasimov said, "the deadline for applying for participation has not yet been reached and our Olympic committee has not yet said its final word, provided its final reply to the International Olympic Committee."

He said the international committee would receive a definite answer closer to the deadline.

**Guarantee**  
The Soviet Union boycotted the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, contending that US authorities could not guarantee the safety of participants.

The Kremlin's decision, however, was widely seen as a tilt-for-tat reaction to the US withdrawal from the 1980 Games in Moscow. The United States cancelled its participation to protest the 1979 Soviet military drive into Afghanistan.

## Jansher takes Meads to task

LONDON, Dec 18, (Reuters): Stand-in Stephen Meads survived 26 minutes against world champion Jansher Khan in a club match last night.

Jansher, making his debut for Meridian Stripes in the Second Division of the British National Squash League, beat his 17-year-old opponent 9-1 9-0 9-1.

But the Pakistani's efforts were not enough to stop the Stripes going down 3-2 to League leaders Mayflower Lambs in the clash of London rivals. Stripes stay bottom of the League after five defeats from five matches.

**Snapped**  
Premier Division clubs have used up their quota of one overseas player and Jansher was snapped up by the Stripes when he became available.

Meads, a squash coach at his local club, is the reigning British closed under-19 champion, but only played Jansher when the club's regular number one had to pull out because his wife was expecting a baby.

## Marsh loses job

LONDON, Dec 18, (AP): Former world light-welterweight boxing champion Terry Marsh, who was forced to quit the sport after discovering he was epileptic, was told yesterday he had lost his job as a fireman.

## Liverpool set to open gap

LONDON, Dec 18, (Reuters): Unbeaten Liverpool, five points ahead of Arsenal in the English First Division, will seek to increase their lead and psychological ascendancy over their challengers when they entertain Sheffield Wednesday tomorrow.

Players-manager Kenny Dalglish's team have won 13 and drawn five matches, scoring 43 goals in the process. Struggling Wednesday are unlikely to halt such impressive progress at Anfield.

**Perfect**  
And with all their leading challengers — Arsenal, Nottingham Forest, Everton and Manchester United — due to meet one another during the Christmas and New Year period, Liverpool have a perfect opportunity to build a daunting advantage

before 1988 is a week old.

Even Howard Wilkinson, the Sheffield club's manager, sounded resigned to an unwelcome exercise ahead as he heaped praise on the team which has earned comparisons this season with Liverpool's great European Cup-winning teams.

"Liverpool will be favourite to beat most teams," he said. "It is a great challenge and a test of temperament. If you cannot play for Liverpool then the next best thing is to play against them."

"It is a tremendous opportunity and a problem... We are not defeatists, but it would be impossible to overestimate the size of our task."

"When you look at their record over the last 20 years, they have to go down as the best club side in the world."

Meanwhile, Manchester United will be giving a debut to central defender Steve Bruce, their £825,000 (\$1.5 million) signing from Norwich yesterday, at Portsmouth.

"I think he will be worth every penny," said manager Alex Ferguson after the completion of the drawn-out transfer deal.

Arsenal face Everton in the day's top fixture. Defeat would be a severe blow to either side's championship ambitions, as Everton's England midfielder Trevor Steven admitted.

"We're not kidding ourselves about the size of the task ahead," he said. "If we drop points in the next fortnight, there will be a awful lot of daylight between us and Liverpool."

Nottingham Forest, 10 points behind the leaders in third place, but one ahead of fourth-placed Everton, visit Oxford.

**Dutch seeded for Euro-tourney**  
DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Dec 18, (Reuters): The Netherlands became the fourth and last nation to be seeded for next June's European soccer championship after their victory over Greece on Wednesday, tournament organisers announced yesterday.

West Germany as hosts and England as the nation with the best record in the last World Cup qualifiers and the current European qualifiers will head Groups One and Two respectively in the eight-nation tournament.

Italy and the Netherlands, as the teams with the next best records, will be second seeds. The draw will decide which goes in Group of One and Two.

The four unseeded nations are Spain, the Soviet Union, Denmark and Ireland.

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The Department of Civil Engineering of Kuwait University is pleased to invite engineers and researchers to a lecture titled:

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**Speaker:** Dr. Alan J. Nicholson  
Senior Lecturer in Civil Engineering  
University of Canterbury  
New Zealand

**Date:** Tuesday, 22nd Dec. 1987  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Kuwait Society of Engineers  
Bneid Al-Gar

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**Time:** 12:30 pm  
**Place:** Conference Room, Dept. of Civil Engineering Building 5 Kh.

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## SPORTS

## QADIR HAMMERS ENGLAND BOWLERS

## Aamir lifts Pakistan out of trouble

KARACHI, Dec 18, (Reuters): All-rounder Aamir Malik, playing in only his second Test, batted doggedly throughout the day for an unbeaten 91 to make almost certain of a Pakistan victory in the three-match cricket series against England.

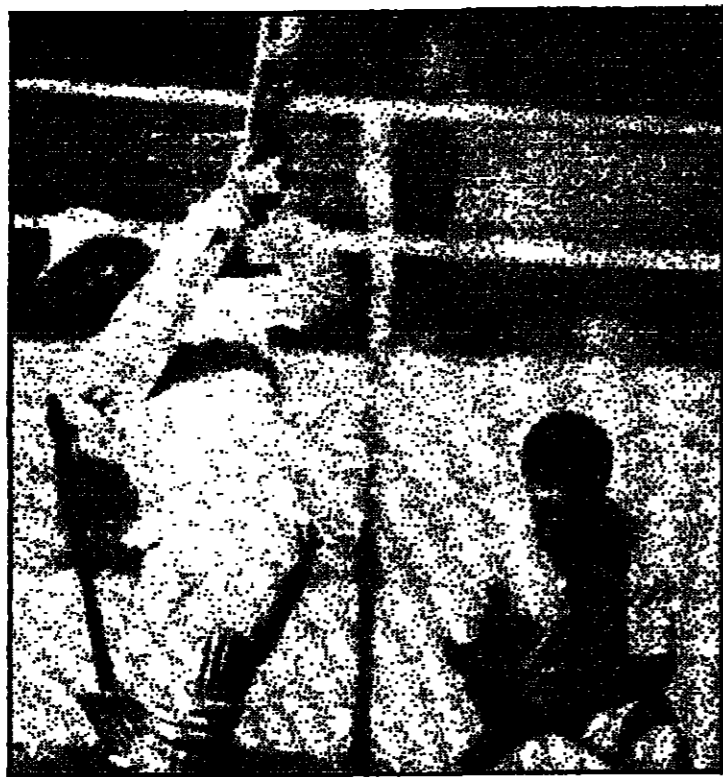
Already one up in the series, Pakistan began the third day of the final Test on a precarious 122 for four but despite the loss of two early wickets, Aamir remained unruffled to take the score to 345 for eight by the close.

**Shared**  
England made 294 in their first innings.

Aamir laboured for 330 minutes to add a further 90 to the single he had scored yesterday and shared in stands of 76 and 94 with Wasim Akram and Abdul Qadir to make a draw the most likely outcome.

After Saleem Malik was out in the second over of the day at his overnight 55 and Ashraf Ali was gone for 121 to make Pakistan 146 for six, Aamir found a more reliable partner in Wasim Akram.

The pair took the score to 222 before Wasim became Bruce French's third victim behind the stumps after he had made 37 but England's frustration continued



Aamir hits a six off Emburey. (Reuters radiophoto)

as Qadir attacked the bowling. Off-spinner John Emburey came in for some heavy punishment as Qadir lashed four sixes

One mighty pull went to the long-leg fence and another through mid-off which took Pakistan past the England total. A further four to mid-wicket off Cook by Qadir hoisted the 300.

With Pakistan's score on 304 for seven, and Aamir on 72, he was dropped by Cook off his own bowling, but by then any chance of an England victory to square the series had disappeared.

Qadir hit Emburey for two sixes in an over to complete his half century and pass his previous highest Test score of 54 made against New Zealand at Wellington in 1984-85.

The magical leg-spinner, who took five wickets in England's innings, was finally out for 61 when David Capel, given the ball only late in the day, bowled him middle stump to take his first Test wicket.

Qadir made 61 and fellow spinner Iqbal Qasim denied England any further success to finish unbeaten on 10.

The match continues on Sunday after a rest day tomorrow.

## Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings (overnight 222 for seven) G. Gooch & Ashraf Ali 122-58-1. Cook 37-12-56-1, Capel 3-0-8-1.

W. Athey b Qadir 26  
M. Gatting b Qadir 18  
N. Fairbrother c sub b Jaffer 3  
D. Capel b Qadir 98  
P. Defreitas b Qadir 12  
J. Emburey c Qadir b Jaffer 70  
B. French c Mianad b Salim Malik 31  
N. Cook lbw b Qadir 2  
G. Dilley not out 0  
Extras (lb-8 w-1 nb-6) 15  
Total 294

Fall of wickets: 1-20 2-41 3-55 4-72 5-72 6-85 7-199 8-274 9-291

Bowling: Wasim 24.1-3-64-2, Jaffer 23.5-6-74-2, Qadir 49.4-16-83-5, Qasim 18-4-51-0, Mianad 1-1-0-0, Salim Malik 5-2-9-1.

PAKISTAN, first innings (overnight 122 for four)

Mudassar Nazar lbw b Defreitas 6  
Rameez Raja c French b Cook 50  
Salim Malik c Gatting b Defreitas 55  
Javed Mianad lbw b Emburey 4  
Ejaz Ahmad run out 0  
Aamir Malik not out 91  
Ashraf Ali c French b Dilley 12  
Wasim Akram c French b Defreitas 37  
Abdul Qadir c Capel 61  
Iqbal Qasim not out 10  
Extras (lb-11 nb-8) 19  
Total (for eight wickets) 345  
Fall of wickets: 1-18 2-105 3-110 4-110 5-122 6-146 7-222 8-316

To bat: Salim Jaffer  
Bowling to date: Dilley 21-2-102-1, Defreitas 20-3-80-3, Emburey 49-22-88-1, Cook 33-12-56-1, Capel 3-0-8-1.



An action shot of the match. (Photo by Amr Jaded)

## Kuwait beat Iraq in qualifier

THE Kuwait national soccer team beat Iraq 2-1 yesterday in an Olympic qualifying match marred by unsporting behaviour of some members of the Iraqi team at the end of the match.

Kuwait, which completed its first round of the two-leg matches, went on to the attack from the start of the game played at Kuwait's Sabah Al Salem stadium.

**Strongly**

The home sides' efforts paid off in the 6th minute when Wael Sulaiman beat the Iraqi goalkeeper to put his team ahead. Iraq fought back strongly but their forwards squandered the chances that came their way.

Abdul Aziz Al Hajri made it 2-0 for Kuwait in the 22nd minute of the first half which ended at the same score.

In the second half, the Iraqi team went on the offensive but were held off by the Kuwait defence line. Iraq, however, nar-

rowed the margin in the 20th minute of the second half through Kareem Alawi, who took advantage of a lapse by the Kuwaiti defenders, to give his team a chance of getting back into the game.

The Iraqi team tried desperately to get the equaliser but were held off by the Kuwaiti defence.

After the game, some of the Iraqi players, including the coach, tried to vent their fury on the referee but the security men did not allow the situation to get out of control.

The president of the Kuwait Football Association, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, in a statement after the match, said that there was no cause for such incidents in matches between Kuwait and Iraq.

Sheikh Fahd added that such incidents would not affect the brotherly relations between the two countries as Kuwait has

always stood by Iraq. Such incidents, he said, take place all over the world but the incident took place in a meeting of brothers and in Kuwait, it is a point not in favour of the Arab sports movement in general.

Sheikh Fahd congratulated the Kuwaiti team on its victory and asked them to carry on in the same spirit to achieve their aim of qualifying for the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

He added that the result of the match was a decisive reply to the critics of the team.

Meanwhile in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and Qatar drew 1-1 in a qualifying match of the same group. Ahmed Jamel scored for Saudi Arabia in the 48th minute while Isa Ahmed got the equaliser for Qatar in the 61st minute.

Kuwait now leads the group with five points from three games, followed by Iraq with three points and Qatar and Saudi Arabia each with two.

## TCCB chief supports idea of neutral umpires

KARACHI, Dec 18, (Reuters): England's Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) chairman Raman Subba Row supports the idea of neutral umpires in international cricket.

Subba Row said it was his personal view. The TCCB had no official view on the question yet, he added, but the matter could be on the agenda of the next International Cricket Conference (ICC) meeting in London.

He said that a TCCB committee will discuss the question of neutral umpires, the board can then consider any recommendations and could decide to put a resolution before the ICC.

Row said his personal view was that "every visiting team must have the option, if they want, to have a third-country umpire... if the host country agrees. The request, I think, should be made three months in advance."

He said he had a thorough discussion with the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCBP) officials on the Faisalabad umpiring incident.

## Recorded

Meanwhile, Pakistan cricket officials are to investigate the public row between England captain Mike Gatting and umpire Shakoor Rana which may have been recorded through a special effects microphone.

A television sound microphone placed near the pitch could have picked up heated remarks between Gatting and Shakoor on the second day of the second Test in Faisalabad which were believed to be on tape.

The row, which was sparked over a fielding change by Gatting as the bowler ran, caused the loss of the third day's play and put the rest of the tour in jeopardy.

Asked about reports of a tape recording of the row, England manager Peter Lush said: "At least I do not have any knowledge of such tape and nothing has been mentioned to me since the incident occurred."

Subba Row said officials of the BCCP made no mention of such a tape during meetings with him.

"If the tape does exist why was it not produced?" Subba Row asked. "It will be useful as far as we are concerned."

Pakistan's television authorities, however, deny that there is such sound tape with them.

A committee set up by the BCCP to make a full inquiry into the incident is due to interview England players on Sunday evening.

## Dennis appeals

LONDON, Dec 18, (Reuters): Queens Park Rangers defender Mark Dennis has appealed against a 53-day suspension imposed on him by the English Football Association (FA) for bringing the sport into disrepute.

As a result, he will be available to play for Rangers in their Christmas and New Year matches in the English First Division until his appeal is heard.

Dennis's punishment followed the 11th sending off in his 10-year career.

## Dujon hits 123 in W. Indian run spree

VISAKHAPATNAM, India, Dec 18, (Reuters): West Indies wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon, who could win a place on the strength of his accomplished batting alone, recaptured form by hammering his first century on the tour of India today.

Dujon scored a rapid 123 as the West Indians rattled up 347 for nine, at which point Viv Richards declared at the close of the opening day of their three-day match against the Indian Cricket Board President's XI.

## Promoted

Dujon has rarely batted at his best since West Indies arrived on the sub-continent for the World Cup that preceded the current tour, but he was promoted to

number three here and seized his opportunity with relish.

The wicketkeeper-batsman came in after an opening stand of 80 in 19 overs by Richie Richardson and Phil Simmons, who made clear their intentions from the start after Richards won the toss on a turning pitch.

Once the local team's modest seam attack had been put to the sword, the Indians relied on their slow bowlers to shoulder the attack, and off-spinner Gopal Sharma, who took six for 104, and Raman shared the wickets.

Gopal Sharma made the breakthrough by getting Richardson to edge a delivery to Anshuman Gaekwad in the slips after he made 43, containing five fours and one six. Simmons was next to go, play-

ing down three wrong line and being bowled by Raman for 47, with eight fours.

Dujon and Gus Logie shared a third wicket partnership of 100, with the wicketkeeper hitting eight fours and two sixes before he was caught by Lalchand Rajput off Sharma.

Sharma also accounted for Logie, who struck eight fours in making 54.

Richards was among the few batsmen who failed to get among the runs, scoring just six before being caught by Rashid Patel off Raman.

## Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings  
R. Richardson c Gaekwad b G. Sharma 43  
P. Simmons b Raman 47

J. Dujon c Rajput b G. Sharma 123  
G. Logie c A. Sharma b G. Sharma 54  
C. Hopper c and b G. Sharma 51  
E. Baptiste c and b Raman 22  
V. Richards c Patel b Raman 6  
D. Williams c Gaekwad b G. Sharma 10  
C. Batts lbw G. Sharma 3  
W. Davis not out 20  
Extras (lb-11 nb-3) 18  
Total (for nine wickets declared) 347

Did not bat: W. Benjamin  
Fall of wickets: 1-80 2-100 3-202 4-204 5-240 6-249 7-263 8-273.

Bowling: Singh 6-0-31-0, Patel 7-1-30-0, Raman 32-4-94-3, G. Sharma 33.5-5-104-6, Gudge 11-1-49-0, Gaekwad 2-0-9-0, A. Sharma 2-0-15-0.

INDIA: A. Gaekwad (captain), S. Vishwanath, Lalchand Rajput, S. Manjrekar, Sunil Gadge, Ajay Sharma, W.V. Raman, Gopal Sharma, Khalid Qayim, Rashid Patel, Randhir Singh.

## Kasparov needs win to retain title

SEVILLE, Spain, Dec 18, (Reuters): World chess champion Garry Kasparov, needing a win to retain his crown against challenger Anatoly Karpov, made a patient start to the last game of their title match today.

Chess experts felt his best chance for victory was to play a waiting game, keeping pieces on the board and hoping for Karpov, who won the 23rd game yesterday, to crack under the tension.

In the early middle game this was clearly his aim.

"If he had a strong aggressive system that couldn't be defused he would have used it," Dutch grandmaster Hans Ree told Reuters.

## Analysis

"He's playing for fantastic adjournment analysis," Ree said, meaning Kasparov could play until the game was adjourned after today's five-hour first session to be able to analyse his position overnight.

Kasparov, 24, faced the daunting task of recovering from 11-12 points down to tie the 24-game



Judge Geurd Gidssen from Holland reaches across the chess-board to make Karpov's 41st move which had been sealed in the 23rd game. (Reuters radiophoto)

match at 12-12. In that case, as champion, he would retain the title.

He was playing with the

advantage of the white pieces but he had to pull back from the psychological low of defeat in the penultimate game yesterday.

## Horne solves Kiwis' problem

DEVONPORT, Tasmania, Dec 18, (Reuters): A century by Phil Horne improved New Zealand's hopes of solving its Test opening batting problem on the first day of the tourists' four-day cricket match against Tasmania today.

Playing in only his second first class match of the tour, he made 125 in 294 minutes with 16 fours.

But struggling captain Jeff Crowe again failed to get the big score he was looking for when he was run out for 36.

At stumps on the first day New Zealand was 327 for six with Ian Smith on 30 and Evan Gray nine.

## British soccer

LONDON, Dec 18, (Reuters): Results of British soccer matches played on Wednesday.

English Football Association (FA) Cup  
Second round, third replay  
Maidstone 2 Kidderminster 1  
(Maidstone away to Sheffield United in third round)

Scottish Premier Division  
Aberdeen 2 St Mirren 1  
Dundee U 1 Hibernian 2  
Hearts 2 Motherwell 2  
Morris 2 Dundee 2

## Al Mousawi holds off Al Wazzan for Bahrain rally victory

By Gail Seery in Bahrain

QATARI Abbas Al Mousawi and co-driver Mubarak Al Hajri took a 30 second victory over Tareq Al Wazzan and Khaled Khalifa in the BP Bahrain 4x4 Rally yesterday. Both drivers were in Range Rovers, and proved that this was the vehicle most ideally suited to the requirements of the event.

Of the top four places, three were held by Range Rovers. Al Wazzan was driving his Arab Times/Marlbورو sponsored Range Rover which was recently rebuilt in Dubai for this event. Al Mousawi was driving the same vehicle that Al Wazzan took to tenth place in the Dubai international at the beginning of this month.

## Exact

This was the most closely fought Middle East international event since the Kuwait International in March, and both Mousawi and Wazzan set very close times throughout. However there was a degree of confusion about the exact times, and the results carried here are provisional, and dependent on a stewards meeting after going to press.

At one stage, immediately

after the final stage, it was thought that Al Wazzan had won and why this was reversed is not currently clear.

In third place were Kuwaiti champions Ahmed Al Hilal and Fahed Al Rashid, in their Mitsubishi Pajero, just 18 seconds behind Al Wazzan and 48 seconds behind Mousawi. Fourth were new Marlboro driver Eid Falah Al Farzan and Sadeq Ashkanani, who suffered a host of problems in their Al Zayani backed Range Rover.

The Lamborghini Cheetah, piloted by Saudi Samir Kaaki, and co-driven by Mamdouh Khayyat was fifth, with husband and wife team Tareq and Khulood Alyan finishing sixth. The sole Bahraini finisher, K. Ramadan, was in seventh and last place.

Right from the start of the event there were two distinct battles being fought: the first was between Al Wazzan and Al Mousawi for the lead, and the second was between Eid Falah and Ahmed Al Hilal for first place in the Marlboro Desert Challenge.

On the first stage, Wazzan was just one second faster than Mousawi, but from then on the Qatari team were clocking what occasionally appeared to be unbelievably fast times.



Al Wazzan: finishes in second place

Although Mousawi reported brake problems towards the end of the first leg, these didn't slow him. Wazzan hit what appeared to be disaster on stage three when he had problems with his fuel pump, which cost him one minute and thirty seconds.

"After that I was driving not against Abbas, but against myself, to make up the time," he told the Arab Times. He made up the time over the remaining stages, despite more difficulties with punctures. Mousawi also suffered a puncture on the penultimate stage and it was at this stage that the Arab Times/Marl-

boro team believed they had caught and passed their rival. Navigator Khaled Khalifa said he was uncertain of how the results had come to be reversed.

In the other battle, Al Hilal managed to stay ahead of Falah, but felt that this rally was far more suited to the Range Rover — "it's a very bumpy rally," he said. "The Pajero did well to finish so high." However he was unhappy of the result at the end.

"Ok, I only came in third, but at least I didn't short-cut," he told the Arab Times, referring to the controversy regarding the top two positions.

Eid Falah was having problems with shock absorbers. Throughout the latter part of the event his suspension had clearly gone, and he did well to stay in place and not drop back. The Range Rover was clearly very cumbersome and difficult to handle from then on. Earlier, he had problems with his fan belt, with the gearbox and with the steering.

Falah told the Arab Times that he was disappointed with the result, but added that the important thing was his standing in the Marlboro Desert Challenge. Bahraini champion Ebrahim

Matter was unfortunate to go out of the rally after stage 6 when he had a problem with his fuel pump: it blew up, and caught fire. Ahmed Al Zafiri's Suzuki/Mazda went out early. It sounded very sick on leaving the ferry and was passed parked at the side of the road shortly after. He had to be pushed started into stage 2 by a service jeep, and went out at the end of the stage with a blown turbo.

**Completed**  
The rally was flagged off by Saeed Al Hajri in thick fog. 16 starters dwindled rapidly, and only seven finished. Of these, five were Kuwaiti, one was from Qatar. Only one Bahraini driver completed the event.

Promoter Sean O'Connor explained that as the island has not been hosting international events for some time, the standard of car preparation was apparently much lower. The rally also represented the highest number of Kuwaiti entrants in an international event outside Kuwait.

Provisional times: 1. Mousawi/Al Hajri 1.15.38, 2. Wazzan/Khalifa 1.16.08, 3. Hilal/Rashed 1.16.26, 4. Falah/Ashkanani 1.18.26, 5. Kaaki/Khayat 1.24.54, 6. Alyan/Alyan 2.03.47, 7. Ramadan/Ramadan 2.15.48.

## Mathew and Renuka show their class

RAVI MATHEW, the Kuwait Open badminton champion, showed his class again on Thursday when he took the men's singles title at the United Malayalee Organisation (UMO) badminton tournament.

Mathew beat George Joseph in the final of the tournament which started on Dec 4 and after a number of rounds ended on Thursday.

Mathew later combined with K.S. Jose to clinch the double title with a victory over Johnson Varghese and Cherry George.

## Splendid

The singles match was a closely fought affair with Joseph giving nothing away but he had finally to give way to a splendid game by Mathew who delighted the crowd with his drop shots.

Renuka Gopinath also finished with a double crown. In the ladies' singles she beat Lekha Ramachandran and later combined with her opponent to beat Fauzia Kunhi Mohammed and Mrs Zubra Mohammed Kutty in the ladies' doubles final.

Suresh Ramachandran and M. K. Fazil Kunhi Mohammed, who displayed their talents in an exhibition match after the men's singles final, were awarded the UMO Chairman's Medal for junior players.

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